

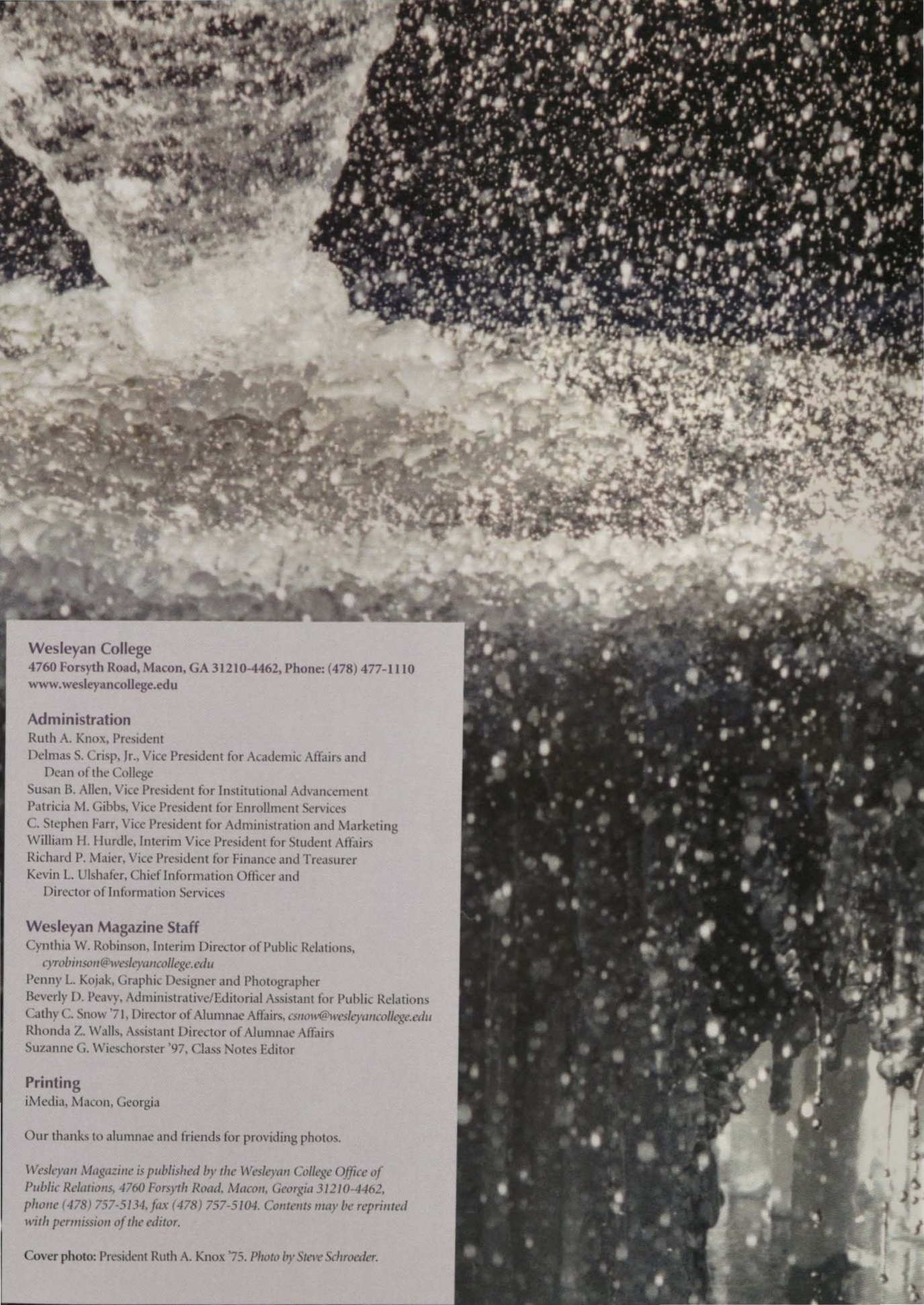
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From the Editor

Happy Days and Good Fortunes

Just two months before Ruth Austin Knox was named president of Wesleyan, we had another enthusiastic candidate announce his desire to become president of Wesleyan College — and to make each member of the Public Relations staff his vice presidents.

Let us, as they say, start at the beginning.

After weeks of faxes and emails bouncing back and forth between Macon, Georgia, and Beijing, China, I found myself standing in the crowded south terminal of Hartsfield International Airport with Penny Kojak, our graphic designer, photographer and all-around miracle worker. I dragged her along to drive the Wesleyan van, or “bus” as I refer to it. Since becoming accustomed to driving and parking a small car and

possessing a history that includes a few unfortunate parking “incidents” with a van, I didn’t want to take any chances. She eagerly agreed. OK, so I told her she’d get a meal out of it — and a chance to drive the big golf cart around campus.

So there we were, jockeying for position and taking turns holding a Wesleyan College sign waiting for four Chinese gentlemen from the Soong Ching Ling Foundation and China Public Television. They were arriving in Atlanta to film part of a documentary on Soong Ching Ling (Madam Sun YetSen), one of Wesleyan’s most famous alumnae. As Penny and I watched wave after wave of people ascending the escalators, it hit me. After weeks of setting up their interviews, carefully planning their itinerary and shooting schedule and arranging their accommodations and welcome breakfast on campus, I had no earthly idea what these men looked like. I also had no clue if any of them, other than my contact, Deng (pronounced “Den”) Hongqin, deputy director of International Division of the Soong Ching Ling Foundation, spoke a word of English — they couldn’t.

But as soon as we loaded into the van and exchanged business cards, we discovered that language wasn’t going to be much of an obstacle at all. It quickly became apparent that the cameraman Pan Da Wei, mostly through facial expressions and body language, was the comic relief of the group. Shi Yan, the director, was a little more reserved and Lin Xiezhong, the producer, was also rather quiet, but often had a glint of mischief in his eyes and was always the gentleman — as they all were. Deng, who was obviously very excited to visit the Wesleyan campus, fell somewhere in between. All of them marveled at the beautiful “forest” land surrounding Wesleyan and the gorgeous architecture. They could hardly wait to get started.

After a very full day of filming — it was Election Day, cold and rainy — we (my

husband, David, myself, Penny and Beverly Peavy and our visitors) headed to China Gourmet, a local restaurant. Although they had gamely eaten Western cuisine throughout the visit and enjoyed the food immensely, including a very memorable trip to our local Midtown Grill, Deng had requested a chance to try one Chinese eatery in our area.

We couldn’t have made a better choice. Restaurant owner Amy Jang, a native of Hong Kong and native Mandarin speaker, was extremely gracious. She even prepared a traditional Chinese vegetable dish that isn’t on their menu, brought out several Chinese-language newspapers and went out of her way to make the evening a success. Dishes were passed and shared. There was much laughter and the awareness that our cultures, although very different, do have more in common than we realized. All four of our visitors said they were very impressed with our then acting president, and they didn’t realize at first what “acting president” meant. It was during all this revelry that Pan suddenly announced that he wanted to become president of Wesleyan — he told us, through Deng’s translation — that he didn’t think not knowing English would be a problem and he wanted us to serve as his vice presidents. He also invited me to “come to Beijing and eat spicy food” after he discovered we share similar tastes.

After another day of filming, it was time to return our charming Chinese visitors to the airport. Standing on the curb exchanging goodbyes with the four and a bear-hug from Pan — each of them proudly wearing a Wesleyan College baseball cap — I was thanked warmly and admonished once again that I had to “come to Beijing.” Pan also said he’d be back as president. Oh, well. Maybe in the future, Pan. But since it turned out that Ruth was the Trustees’ choice for president, I’m sure he doesn’t mind — that much.



Pan, Lin and Shi take a break during filming in front of Mulberry Street United Methodist Church.

Article by Cynthia W. Robinson



High scores on the NSSE An Engaging Education

For the third year in a row, Wesleyan College students have given the institution outstanding scores on the National Survey for Student Engagement (NSSE). While most national higher education surveys rate colleges and universities largely on the basis of their institutional resources and public reputations, the NSSE surveys students through an in-depth questionnaire covering academic and social aspects of their college experiences.

Among all of the nation's colleges and universities participating in the most recent NSSE survey, Wesleyan scored in the top 10 percent in four of the survey's five categories — active and collaborative learning, level of academic challenge, student-faculty interactions, and enriching educational experiences.

"Nationally, this research group looks at five areas collectively — areas that are the key to what being a liberal arts college is all about," says Pat Hardeman, associate dean of the college and registrar. "And because of Wesleyan's small size, 100 percent of our students who are eligible for the survey — freshmen and seniors — are sent the survey."

According to Hardeman, administrators and faculty are pleased, but not surprised about the results. "We knew what results to expect, but it is nice to have confirmation," she says. "After the first survey, we were contacted by the statisticians at NSSE (pronounced "nessie") because our scores, particularly in active and collaborative learning, were so significant nationwide. They wanted to know why."

The answer to that question for the most part, says Dr. Delmas Crisp, dean of the college, is Wesleyan's seminar-based classes.

"Professors here don't lecture. We come to class prepared to pose questions. We inspire discussions, debate. Our students are held to a high academic standard. They are expected to do homework and come to class prepared to participate," Crisp says. "In fact, our students are required to participate. We have active learning at Wesleyan and active learning is the best type of learning. Our NSSE results reiterate that."

"In four of the five benchmarks, Wesleyan scored higher than the national average of women's colleges, liberal arts colleges and national colleges overall," he adds. "And in the fifth area, supportive campus environment, our scores from freshmen were the same as the average for all women's colleges and higher than the other institutions. Among seniors surveyed, we were only slightly behind the averages for women's colleges in this area."

The NSSE was begun here three years ago and is co-sponsored by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Pew Forum on Undergraduate Learning and is supported by grants from The Pew Charitable Trusts, Lumina Foundations for Education and the Center for Inquiry in the Liberal Arts at Wabash College. More than 285,000 freshmen and seniors at 618 different four-year colleges and universities have taken the survey, which provides the participating institutions with valuable information on how to improve undergraduate education.

"Wesleyan will use NSSE results to continue to strive for improvement," says Dr. Glenda Ferguson, associate professor of chemistry. "I believe that perhaps our most

useful information from this survey will arise from our involvement in NSSE's women's college consortium. Certainly, we can draw more meaningful conclusions from comparisons with similar institutions."

Of significant note were the considerably high marks both freshmen and seniors give Wesleyan for the frequency which they are asked to contribute to class discussions and to make class presentations. Wesleyan students gave outstanding scores for student-faculty interactions, noting particularly that they receive prompt feedback from faculty and often work with faculty members on research projects outside of a course or program requirements. Students also reported they frequently work with faculty members on activities other than coursework, such as committees, community service and student life events. "Many of our students work with faculty members on enriching educational experiences outside the classroom," Ferguson says, "such as research endeavors and internship opportunities."

Another area getting top marks from the students was Wesleyan's emphasis on in-depth analysis and applying theories and concepts to practical problems or new situations.

"This survey came about because so many people question the methods used by other national publications to rank colleges and universities," Crisp says. "In three years, NSSE has become a more reliable standard of judging how well institutions of higher learning are doing their jobs. Participating has helped us know ourselves better and provided Wesleyan with valuable information we can use to better plan our future."

Knox is no longer “acting” the part Dancing, Cheering and



A brief message was sent out. On the morning of Jan. 16, 2003, an announcement would be made in Porter Auditorium about the selection of Wesleyan's next president. Quiet anticipation quickly burst into an explosion of cheers and applause when the gathering of students, faculty, staff, alumnae and friends heard Board of Trustees Chair Thomas L. Bass make the announcement they had waited months to hear. The Board of Trustees had unanimously voted to elect Wesleyan alumna Ruth Austin Knox as the college's 24th president.

“We had the best person for the job here all along,” Bass told the audience, referring to Knox's nine-month tenure as acting president. “We didn't know it then, but we certainly know it now!”

After waiting for the extended standing ovation to end, a beaming, slightly teary-eyed Knox addressed the gathering. “Thank you, Tom. I am so deeply, deeply honored that the Board of Trustees has selected me as Wesleyan's 24th president. I'm not quite sure about the protocol here, but I accept,” she said, pausing briefly as the audience applauded again, “with heartfelt thanks to the Board for your confidence and support.”

“Earlier this morning I was in the president's office waiting for the telephone call that the Board's decision had been made, and I couldn't help but remember another election I was part of about 29 years ago,” the 1975 Golden Heart said. “I was running for president of the Student Government Association here at Wesleyan, and I really wanted to win. Back then, we received the results in person. Someone actually came and knocked on the door. So, not unlike today, I was waiting for the word in my room on the evening of the vote. My opponent lived on the third floor of Hightower and I lived on the second floor. So you can imagine my disappointment when I heard all the cheers and squeals from right above



Top: President Knox does the Golden Heart cheer along with representatives of the Class of 2003. **Above:** Then student, Knox (center) reads STUNT to her classmates. **Right:** Knox is greeted with bubbles and cheers from Wesleyan faculty and staff in Tate Hall after the official announcement of her presidency.



Article by Cynthia W. Robinson

Singing

my head before anyone had come to see me. Today's result feels much better.

"My friends and supporters, some of whom actually are here today, were really sweet and understanding, and they kept telling me that I'd get elected to something even bigger than president of the SGA someday. Well, I'm quite sure nobody ever thought that office would be the president of Wesleyan College, but — Nan, Millie and Virginia Ann — I guess you were right!"

Millie Parrish Hudson '75, said she and Knox became great friends at Wesleyan during their first year while working together on STUNT. She said her friend's selection as president is "a perfect fit, both for her and Wesleyan." Hudson has not only remained close friends with Knox, she has worked as the new president's legal assistant for more than six years. "We did talk over her decision," Hudson says. "She has always loved Wesleyan and has worked untold hours as a volunteer for years. Wesleyan has always been a priority for her, and I think this is going to be tremendous for Wesleyan."

Knox was chosen from a field of 36 applicants after the Wesleyan College Presidential Search Committee conducted a national search that began May 2002. According to Bass, who also chaired the search committee, it quickly became apparent that Knox was the clear choice for the job. "The search committee reviewed applications from numerous candidates. They were impressed with several, but they recognized that our acting president was the best person to lead Wesleyan," Bass said. "No one loves Wesleyan more. No one recognizes the dynamics of Wesleyan better. No one is more dedicated to the success of the college. She is qualified in every way."

Nadine Jurgensen, assistant professor of music and a '79 Golden Heart, couldn't contain her excitement when the announcement was made. "I am thrilled about the selection of Ruth Austin Knox as the next

president of Wesleyan College. Ruth has demonstrated her great love of Wesleyan, and no one could be more dedicated to Wesleyan's mission," Jurgensen said. "She knows our strengths and our weaknesses. She understands the importance of Wesleyan's history while clearly seeing the need for us to be progressive. I believe Ruth will provide the necessary leadership to move us forward successfully."

Knox, a native of Thomson, Georgia, not only graduated magna cum laude from Wesleyan in 1975, she is one of 12 women in her family who attended Wesleyan, including her mother, Ruth Hall Knox '40, and her sister Mary Knox McNeill '68. She served as president of the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association from 1985–1988, chair of the Wesleyan College Alumnae Campaign from 1990–1994, and chair of the Wesleyan College Board of Trustees from 1995 until her appointment as acting president last spring.

"I knew Ruth when she was a student at Wesleyan," says Tena Roberts, who graduated from Wesleyan in 1960 and who has served as a professor and librarian/archivist at the college since 1964. "She and her friends took part in everything possible on campus. They enjoyed everything they did. I think she is an excellent choice for president of Wesleyan. She loves the college and has served it in many ways. Ruth knows the college completely, she knows the history, and she knows its place in the community. She believes in the college wholeheartedly."

After graduating from Wesleyan, Knox earned her juris doctorate, graduating magna cum laude, from the University of Georgia School of Law in 1978 and was admitted to the Georgia Bar that same year.

During law school she was a member of the Order of the Coif, Phi Beta Kappa and the editorial board of the Georgia Law Review. During her 24-year legal career, she



Top: President Knox addresses the crowd in Porter Auditorium after she was officially named Wesleyan's 24th president. **Above:** Current students enthusiastically congratulate the new president.



Top: A photo from 1974 at the Old Rock House in Thomson, Georgia. (Back row) Catherine Hinman Malles '75, Knox. (Center row) Virginia Ann Daniel Holman '75. (Front row) Karlyn Sturmer '75 and Nan Maddux '75. **Above:** Classmates and friends of President Knox gathered for the address in January. (Back row) Knox, Kathy A. Bradley '78. (Center row) Loretta L. Pinkston '84, Mildred "Millie" Parrish Hudson '75, Carol Bacon Kelso '73. (Front row) Cynthia Wright '75, Nan Maddux '75, Virginia Ann Daniel Holman '75 and Bryndis W. Roberts '78.

specialized in real estate, estate planning and probate, and small business planning. Knox has also been involved in many volunteer activities other than Wesleyan, including the Athens YWCO Camp for Girls, Jerusalem House and the Atlanta Preservation Center and is member of Decatur First United Methodist Church. Since moving to Macon, she has become a member of the Rotary Club of Macon, the Education First task force, and the boards of MidSummer Macon and the Macon Symphony. Recently she was presented an honorary doctorate from Ulyanovsk State University in Russia.

Wesleyan senior Namita Mohanty says she was thrilled, but not surprised, with Knox's selection. "Actually, I would have been surprised if her name had not been announced," says the honor student. "Her dedication to Wesleyan is absolutely incredible and makes it obvious that she is the best person for the position. She is enthusiastic, genuine and an all-around great person. Also, the class system is one of many important traditions at Wesleyan and belonging to the same class as President Knox is really special!"

Although Knox says some questioned the wisdom of her decision to accept the acting president's position, she never doubted it was the right thing to do.

"I accepted the position of acting president of Wesleyan about nine months ago. Some suggested to me that this was a foolish thing to do. As I said at the time, I am not an academician, I have no truly comparable experience, I am leaving behind my law practice. But I made the decision then, and make it now, with the sense of peace, calm and joy that comes from the sure knowledge of making the right decision," Knox said. "Because, while I may not have the traditional profile of a college president, I have something else — a deep and abiding love of this college, a profound sense of the rightness and relevance of our mission here, and the determination to act to carry that mission forward, even in light of the challenging circumstances we face.

"I am impressed every day with the caliber of my colleagues on the faculty — as teachers, as scholars and as people — and I am heartened by their passion and dedication," Knox continued. "Our students truly are our lifeblood and are women who

possess immense talents and capabilities, women who enjoy being here together, women who are committed to being the kind of ambassadors for the school that we need and can all admire. Our administration and staff are a vital part of this community, and they, too, are talented, dedicated and caring."

According to Natalie Puckett Evans '02, campaign associate in Wesleyan's institutional advancement office, the college has experienced a resurgence of energy and optimism with Knox. "Her love and loyalty to the college as an alumna, already demonstrated through her past experiences as alumnae association president, alumnae trustee, and most recently chair of the board of trustees, all uniquely prepare President Knox to lead Wesleyan as none other," Evans said. "I am truly excited to be at Wesleyan under her leadership, and, as an alumna myself, feel inspired by her devotion and passion to see Wesleyan continue to excel."

Knox shares that excitement. "Some of our plans will include the obvious: meeting the *Leap of Faith* challenge, achieving financial stability, and continuing to attract even more students of the quality we have now," Knox told the gathering. "But we are also planning and will continue to plan for new and better programs. We will give greater attention to the notion of strengthening our connection to the United Methodist Church. We will, through the Wesleyan Center for

Community Engagement and Service, both teach and model civic responsibility."

According to the Rev. Bill Hurdle, Wesleyan chaplain and interim vice president for student affairs, President Knox has shown "it is simply not possible that any other person on earth is as well qualified, at this time, to be the president of Wesleyan College as is Ruth Knox. She has already moved decisively to strengthen ties with the United Methodist Church. The office of student affairs has been in constant celebration over the election of Ruth Knox as president of Wesleyan College. She has put her own stamp of caring and understanding on every student issue."

Wesleyan College Alumnae Association President Anne Scarborough Hughes '78 agrees. "Thank you for showing us what we always believed is true," Hughes said, turning to Knox following the new president's acceptance speech. "A Wesleyanne really can grow up to be president."

And now that a Wesleyanne is, indeed, president, she is ready to lead the college into another exciting chapter of its history. "We embrace our challenges; we do not fear them. The heart of Wesleyan College is sound," Knox told the audience. "Our spirit is filled with joy. We will move forward with faith, confidence and optimism. I am so proud to be your president and so happy that all of us are here today to celebrate the future of Wesleyan College together."

Ruth Austin Knox *The Wesleyan College Years*

- Golden Heart: Graduated *magna cum laude* with an A.B. in English in 1975. Also co-created the "infamous" Golden Heart Class Cheer
- STUNT: participant, freshman, sophomore and junior years, STUNT committee junior and senior years
- Pierce Scholar
- Recreation Council: freshman and sophomore years
- Splinters
- Washboard Band: Played the guitar for three years. "I wanted to be in the Washboard Band so much because they were the coolest people. I didn't play guitar at all, but I told them I could learn three or four chords — and I did."
- Homecoming Court: freshman year
- President of Junior Class
- Student Senate: senior year
- May Court: sophomore and senior years
- Class Soccer: Co-captain when her freshman team won the class cup
- Class Basketball
- Naiads (synchronized swimming team) member



Right: President Knox's family gathers for a portrait following the formal announcement. (Back row) Andy Knox, brother, Anne Knox, sister-in-law, Bob Knox, brother. (Front row) Ruth Hall Knox '40, mother, President Knox, Mary Knox McNeill '68, sister, and Dot Knox, sister-in-law.

Leaps and Challenges

Article by B. Susan Davis

A Challenging 'Leap'

Motivated by a strong desire to inspire philanthropy, one of Wesleyan's *emeritus* trustees issued a challenge to enhance the *Leap of Faith* endowment campaign. He pledged to match, up to \$200,000, any student and young alumnae gifts made to *Leap of Faith* by December 31, 2003.

Wesleyan leapt to the challenge, excited by the prospect of generating a possible \$600,000 for the endowment.

Natalie Puckett Evans '02, advancement campaign associate, with President Ruth Knox and Advancement Vice President Susan Allen, managed the Challenge. With the assistance of students, Juliana Cabrales '04, Megan Odom '05 and Sancia Dalley '05, the team hosted 12 events in a ten-day period. The net result was 48 percent participation and over \$13,600 raised by the students. Because our trustee and the anonymous *Leap* donors will match those funds, the total impact exceeds \$40,500.

The Challenge has moved to the second portion directed to young alumnae in the classes of 1987 to 2002. To check the status of the campaign, visit <http://leapoffaith.wesleyancollege.edu>.

Update on the Leap of Faith Campaign

Wesleyan's history is jam-packed with individuals who have made a difference and, in their own way, changed the world. Can you visualize the impact made by Sara Branham Matthews, Class of 1907? Dr. Matthews is credited with the discovery of the virus that causes spinal meningitis. Following in the footsteps of Dr. Matthews are many of our graduates involved in a variety of research areas. Think about the influence of Thomas B. Slade who brought two of his teachers and 30 of his students to the college when Wesleyan first opened. Would Wesleyan be the same without him?

Thanks to two anonymous donors who pledged \$15 million to the college's endowment, the Wesleyan community has an opportunity to make an impact one person at a time. By participating in the *Leap of Faith* challenge, we can assure the "oldest and best" has the resources to attract the finest students and faculty.

At publication time, more than 564 donors had leapt into the campaign. Marion Allison Webb '49 wanted to find a way to honor classmates. Never did she imagine the response. "I couldn't believe it when the mail started to arrive. I heard from women that I had lost touch with. They were so honored by my gift," Webb said. Lou Beller '64 wanted to help Wesleyan spread word of the campaign to a wider audience—so she provided the gift that resulted in the *Leap of Faith* website, <http://leapoffaith.wesleyancollege.edu>.

After spending considerable time talking with donors, we see that a few details about *Leap of Faith* need clarification. While most have heard about the \$15 million pledge, the amount of the required match isn't as well known. It is not a dollar-for-dollar match. Instead, in order to receive the anonymous donors' \$15 million gift, Wesleyan must raise \$30 million.

With any good challenge, there is a deadline. In simple terms, there are really two deadlines. The first, involving pledges, occurs in 2003. Those who plan to give to *Leap of Faith* must make their intentions known by December 31, 2003. Intentions, not necessarily gifts, are made in the form of pledges. The second deadline involves the actual gifts. Donors have until December 31, 2006, to fulfill their intentions. Donors not feeling comfortable with making a large gift all at once can take up to four years to fulfill their commitment. Pledges received after year's end are not counted towards *Leap of Faith*.

Another area of concern is the Annual Fund. Some donors are making an 'either/or' choice when it comes to providing an annual gift. The Annual Fund is of critical importance to the daily operation of the campus. We rely on the Annual Fund to make up the difference between the revenues we receive from tuition and fees and the actual cost of providing a Wesleyan education. So, donors are encouraged to continue to support the Annual Fund in addition to making a leap with an endowment gift.

Donors may be able to double or triple their *Leap of Faith* or Annual Fund gift. Thousands of companies match their employees' charitable contributions. Some will even match the gifts made by their employees' spouses and retired employees as well. The human resources department can supply information. An easy way to enhance the value of any gift is to simply mail the form from the employer along with the contribution. Wesleyan will verify the matching gift eligibility and return the form to the employer. Questions should be directed to Susan Allen, advancement vice president at (478) 757-5187 or via email sallen@wesleyancollege.edu or Pat Wall '70, director of development, at (478) 757-5149 or via email pwall@wesleyancollege.edu.



Natalie Evans leads the "conga line" during the final announcement of the student campaign in Anderson Dining Hall.

Article by Cynthia W. Robinson

Treasuring Art

Conservation and Restoration of the Wesleyan Collection

Entering the Cowles Myles Collier West Gallery, the visage of Edward Duffner's *The Pink Lady*, a longtime favorite among Wesleyan students, faculty, staff and visitors, immediately captivates your attention. When one approaches for a closer inspection, though, the deep cracks in the venerable lady's airy pink gown and across her exposed shoulders become visible.

The years, along with humidity, heat and other elements, have taken their toll on *The Pink Lady* and many of Wesleyan's other fine art treasures that have inspired generations of Wesleyannes. That is why the college has begun the first phase of restoration and conservation of the school's vast art collection — the Adopt-A-Painting Program.

The program was launched on Jan. 14, 2003, with the opening of the Wesleyan Treasures — Adopt a Painting Exhibit in the Cowles Myles Collier Galleries.

Although the exhibit itself will only continue through March 7, the conservation and restoration program is an on-going effort.

"Right now, we are concentrating on raising funds for the conservation and restoration of Wesleyan's paintings," says Libby Bailey, professor of art and chair of the art department. "We have about 200 paintings, and approximately half of those are significant works." The college will later emphasize the restoration of furniture, art objects and works on paper, Bailey says.

Wesleyan has been fortunate to be the recipient of numerous works of fine art. The collection, one of the most impressive in the area, includes three Kress Foundation gifts:

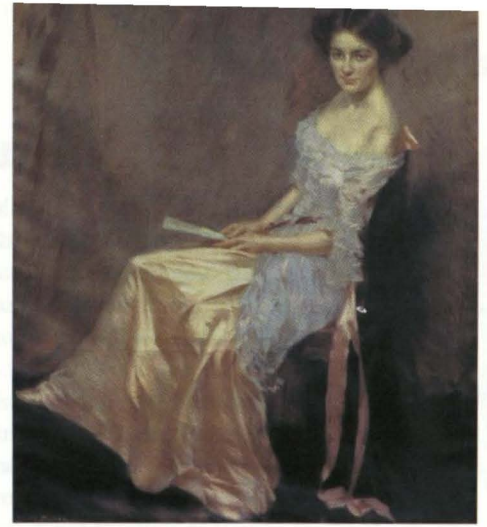
the *Madonna and Child* by the late Renaissance Venetian painter Cima da Conegliano, and the *Adoration of the Magi* and the *Adoration of the Shepherds* by the Venetian Rococo painter Gaspare Diziani.

Seascapes by Cowles Myles Collier, 14 of which are in urgent need of restoration, form the core of a significant group of New England landscapes. Currently only one of the paintings, *Sunset on the Waterfront*, has been adopted — by Macon businessman and current trustee Bill Matthews.



The print collection is highlighted by a portrait of General George Custer by Andy Warhol, donated to the college by Wesleyan alumna and trustee Linda Pfeiffer, and a series of colorful abstract cats by the revolutionary Dutch artist Karel Appel. Among the furniture and objects are two rare English Regency chairs, a Chinese Chippendale chest and two Satsuma vases.

According to Bailey and art expert Catherine Rogers, Wesleyan currently has 147 paintings that need repair ranging in



restoration costs from \$1,200 to \$9,000. One of those in most need of immediate attention, Bailey says, is *The Pink Lady*. "The canvas needs to be flattened and re-stretched. The painting also has some cracks, and some paint has flaked off," Bailey says. "The cost of restoring her (*The Pink Lady*) is \$9,000 because of the large size (5.58 feet x 4.42 feet) of the painting."

Three paintings have already been adopted, among them the previously mentioned Collier and *Mary and Yorkie* by Susan Ricker Knox, a charming "painting within a painting." Wesleyan President Ruth Austin Knox, no relation to the artist, adopted the large oil on canvas, which had long dominated one wall of the president's outer office in Tate Hall. "I love this painting, and, of course, I like the fact that the artist's name is Knox," Knox says. "I also want to do my part in preserving such an important facet of Wesleyan history."

General gifts designated for the overall project have also been coming in, says Susan Allen, vice president for institutional advancement and member of the Wesleyan Treasures Conservation and Restoration Committee.

"We have gotten off to a good start," Allen says. "Donating to the program will ensure that future generations will enjoy and learn from Wesleyan's fabulous art collection." Allen also reiterates that all donations are tax deductible.

For more information about how you can help preserve a precious piece of Wesleyan's history, contact Susan Allen at (478) 757-5131 or e-mail sallen@wesleyancollege.edu.

New Board of Trustees members named

Hannah Allen of Macon, Elizabeth Turner Corn of Columbus, Rosalind Jeter of Moultrie, Stephanie Parker of Atlanta and Katherine Stickley Watson of Stuart, Florida, were recently appointed to the Wesleyan Board of Trustees.

Allen received her A.B. degree from Wesleyan in 1980 and her M.A. from Emory University in 1981. She has served as a mentor to a Wesleyan student and has been vigorously involved in recruiting students to Wesleyan. Allen is also an active member of the Allentown United Methodist Church where she teaches Sunday school and is the church pianist. In 1997, her father, Willis Allen, established the Hannah L. Allen Endowed Scholarship in her honor.

Corn, a lifelong resident of Columbus, earned her A.B. degree in art from Wesleyan in 1947. She has held various offices in the Junior League of Columbus, Girls Club of Columbus, Historic Columbus Foundation, The Bradley Center, Brookstone School, United Givers, Cancer Society Board, St.

Francis Hospital Auxiliary, Columbus Teen Center and the Columbus Museum of Arts and Sciences. She is an Alter Guild member and former Sunday school teacher at St. Luke United Methodist Church where she and her husband, Wesleyan Trustee Lovick Corn, are members. The Corns have five daughters and 12 grandchildren.

Jeter received her A.B. degree from Wesleyan in 1970. A previous member of the Wesleyan Board of Trustees, Jeter has also served on the boards of the Moultrie Service League, the Moultrie YMCA and the Volunteer Arts Alliance. She has been a member of the Colquitt County Arts Center, Heart Association, Cancer Society and Community in the Schools, an area mentoring program. She and her husband, James M. Jeter, have one daughter and are members of the First Presbyterian Church in Moultrie.

Parker graduated from Wesleyan in 1981 with an A.B. in philosophy before going on to earn her juris doctorate from Vanderbilt University in 1984. She has

been associated with the law firm of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue since 1995.

Previously, she served as law clerk to Judge Wilbur D. Owens. Parker has served for several years as a faculty member in the trial advocacy program at Emory University School of Law. She is the immediate past chair of the Product Liability Section and the Federal Courts Liaison Committee of the State Bar of Georgia. Parker is a member of the Rotary Club of Atlanta and has served on the boards of the Girl Scouts, YWCA and the Georgia State University College of Law.

Watson attended Wesleyan before going on to earn her B.S. in education from the University of Tennessee. She taught secondary English and now owns her own business, Special Touch Music. She sang for Habitat for Humanity in New York City and recently released a CD titled *Reflections of Love*, which will benefit Habitat, REACH (center for women), as well as Wesleyan's Alumnae Association. She and her husband Mitchell have two children and five grandchildren.



WOW! A Day for Macon: Approximately 70 students, faculty and staff volunteered for this year's WOW! Day on Feb. 8, 2003. This year the group worked with Rebuilding Together to refurbish the home of Ola Mae Veal in east Macon. The volunteers painted the inside and outside of the home and also built a wheelchair ramp.



President and vice president awarded honorary doctorates

Wesleyan College President Ruth Austin Knox and Vice President for Administration and Marketing Steve Farr were presented honorary doctorate degrees in November, 2002, from Ulyanovsk State University in Russia.

"We greatly appreciate the significant contribution Wesleyan College's administration has made to strengthen the partnership ties between Wesleyan College and Ulyanovsk State University," said Ulyanovsk President Yuri V. Polyanskov. "We consider it an honor to present Ruth Austin Knox the title Honorary Doctor of Law of Ulyanovsk State University and Steve Farr the title of Honorary Doctor of Administration and Marketing of Ulyanovsk State University."

Farr and Dr. Phil Taylor, associate professor of economics and director of gradu-

ate business programs, traveled to Russia, where they accepted the honorary doctorates. Their primary mission involved working with Ulyanovsk State University officials to expand the current number of direct exchange majors and number of students attending Wesleyan. Dr. Taylor also conducted a presentation on the role of American trustees for university presidents, Russian Federation Ministry of Education officials and industry leaders.

The Wesleyan representatives also discussed cultural and business exchange opportunities with the governor of the Ulyanovsk region and mayor of Ulyanovsk City as well as representatives of their Duma. In addition, Wesleyan is working with Ulyanovsk State University and select Chinese institutions to arrange a tripartite exchange agreement.

"Wesleyan and Ulyanovsk have enjoyed an exchange partnership since 1999 that includes a unique program in which Ulyanovsk State University students can attend Wesleyan to earn their undergraduate degrees from both American and Russian institutions," Farr said. "We look forward to continuing our work together on the number of programs and new initiatives that will lead our two institutions even closer in the coming years."

New Board of Visitors members announced

Wesleyan College is pleased to announce that the following local business leaders have joined the school's Board of Visitors:

Frank Childs, attorney, Groover & Childs; Bobby Cleveland, president, Vantage Homes; Polly Denton, financial advisor and senior vice president, Wachovia Securities; Dr. Vivian Hatcher, principal, John W. Burke School; Denny Jones, residential real estate sales, Fickling & Company; Lane Lovein, financial advisor and first vice president of investments, Wachovia Securities; Don Moore, area president, Wachovia Bank; Andy Nations, president and chief executive officer, Bearings & Drives; Sue Sanda,

realtor, Sheridan, Solomon & Associates, LLC; Tred Shurling, Shurling & Company; Boone Smith, attorney, Smith, Hawkins, Hollingsworth and Reeves, LLP; and David Thompson, owner, Piedmont Construction Group, LLC.

Members of the Board of Visitors serve as Wesleyan College's corporate link to the Middle Georgia community. They also participate in programs such as Executives in Residence and WOW! A Day for Macon, a day of community service where Wesleyan students, faculty, staff and friends volunteer with such area agencies as the Salvation Army, Senior Friends, Habitat for Humanity and Rebuilding Together.

New VP for Enrollment Services named

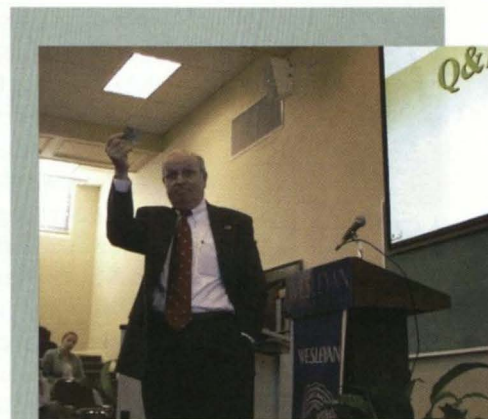
Patricia Gibbs was recently named the new vice president for enrollment services at Wesleyan College. She assumed her new duties on Jan. 13, 2003.

"We are very pleased to have found a person of Patty's caliber to fill such an important role at Wesleyan," said President Ruth Austin Knox.

Gibbs earned her B.A. and M.A. degrees from the College of St. Catherine in St.

Paul, Minn. Her most recent position was that of vice president for admissions at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design.

"I am pleased to have this opportunity to join the administration at the world's oldest college for women," Gibbs said. "Wesleyan is rich in traditions and well-known for its outstanding academic programs. I am looking forward to playing a role in the college's continuing success."



Wesleyan series offers 'fiscal fitness' for all

BB&T Senior Vice President and Senior Credit Officer Lee Murphey, pictured above, was the featured speaker for Wesleyan College's Fiscal Fitness Program in October. His talk, "Establishing and Maintaining Excellent Credit," was part of Wesleyan College's on-going series of free seminars designed to guide women to financial independence.

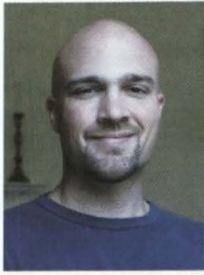
Other recent speakers have included Certified Public Accountant Amy H. Maley, vice president of the Rosenberg Financial Group, and Guy Gunn, vice president for residential sales at Fickling & Company, who presented "Buying Your First Home."

On April 17, Wesleyan will host its first D. Abbott Turner Lecture Series presentation of 2003 with a lecture by well-known financial planner and best-selling author Suze Orman.

For more information on the Fiscal Fitness Program, call (478) 757-5149.

Wesleyan announces new faculty members

The following persons have joined the Wesleyan College faculty.



Kurt R. Crandall has been named assistant professor of psychology. Crandall comes to Wesleyan from the University of Kansas where he earned his Ph.D. and most recently taught general psychology. Crandall earned his M.A. from James Madison University and his B.S. from Bates College.



Michael Muth has been named an assistant professor of philosophy, a position he most recently held at Westminster College. Muth received his Ph.D. from Duke University and his B.A. from The University of the South.



Also named an assistant professor of psychology is **Brenda K. Davis**. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Georgia and comes to Wesleyan from South Georgia College where she taught psychology. A native of Gray and graduate of Jones County High School, she earned both her M.A. and B.S. from Georgia College & State University.



New visiting assistant professor of mathematics and computer science, **Wanda M. Patterson**, comes to Wesleyan from Georgia State University. Patterson earned her Ph.D. from Georgia Institute of Technology and both her bachelor's and master's degrees from North Carolina State University.



Jeri H. Dies has been named visiting assistant professor of Spanish. Dies most recently taught at Baldwin High School and Georgia College & State University. She has a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin, a master's from Oklahoma State University and a bachelor's degree from the University of Central Oklahoma.



On loan from Bibb County Board of Education is **Mae Sheftall**, who comes to Wesleyan as a visiting assistant professor of education. Sheftall also helps coordinate Teacher Alternative Preparation Program (TAPP) teachers who are new to the Bibb County system this year. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Georgia.



Monica Escaleras comes to Wesleyan from the Department of Economics at Florida Atlantic University and has been named a visiting instructor of economics. Escaleras is completing her Ph.D. from Florida International University in development and international trade. She earned her M.S. at the University of Florida and a B.A. from Kentucky Wesleyan College.



The college's newest instructor of education is also a Wesleyan College alumna. **Virginia Wilcox**, a former Georgia State Science Teacher of the Year, most recently taught fifth and sixth grade in Puyallup, Washington. After graduating from Wesleyan in 1990, Wilcox earned her M.Ed. in early childhood education from Auburn University where she is pursuing her Ph.D.



New assistant professor of education, **Tonja Fall** came to Wesleyan from Miami (Ohio) University where she recently earned her Ph.D. in educational leadership with a certificate in women's studies. She also earned her M.S. at Miami University and her B.A. from Southern University in New Orleans.



Ann Wehmeyer has been named an instructor in theatre. Wehmeyer earned her B.F.A. in drama with honors from New York University and her master's from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

Dr. Meeks receives W.E.B. DuBois Award

Dr. Catherine Meeks was recently named this year's recipient of the W.E.B. DuBois Award presented by the Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists. The ceremony is scheduled for March 28, 2003, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Macon.

This award honors an outstanding social or behavioral scientist or civic leader who has made a significant contribution to the greater knowledge and understanding of African-Americans. Past DuBois Award recipients have included prominent scholars and community leaders such as Oliver Cromwell Cox, Horace Mann Bond, Parren Mitchell, Margaret Walker Alexander, Clarence Bacote, Vivian Henderson, and Lewis Wade Jones.

Wesleyan professor performs recital, records program for GPR

Wesleyan College professor and vocalist Dr. Liana Valente and guest pianist Dr. Christy Lee from the University of Tennessee performed a special Valentine's Day recital on Friday, Feb. 14, in the Benson Room. This recital featured music by Brahms, Faure, Debussy, Nicolai, Carlisle Floyd and songs by North Carolina composer Dorothy J. Ross.

On Feb. 18, Dr. Valente and Dr. Lee recorded a program for Studio GPR with Terrence McKnight at the Georgia Public Radio studios in Atlanta. Valente, who sang the National Anthem for the Macon Braves and Macon Whoopee last season, can now be heard singing the anthem for Macon's new hockey team, the Macon Trax. She has also successfully revived the Wesleyan instrumental ensemble, which is preparing for a busy semester of performing music by Corelli, Bach, Barber, and their theme song, Peter Gunn.

GPTV to broadcast de La Rosa documentary

Landscape and Time: The Paintings of Frances de La Rosa will be broadcast on Georgia Public Television on Sunday, March 30, at 4 p.m. The documentary was produced and originally broadcast in the spring of 2002 by the Center for Public Television at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

De La Rosa, Wesleyan's Comer Associate Professor of Painting, was born in Selma, Alabama, and raised in Uniontown, Alabama. In 1985, she moved to Atlanta where she established a painting studio and exhibited her work with Heath Gallery, Stern Gallery and Sandler Hudson Gallery, with whom she is still affiliated. Her paintings were added to the permanent collections of several law firms (King and Spalding, Kutak Rock, Alembik Fine and Callner), the High Museum (where she exhibited in the Southern Expressions exhibition), and several private collections. She has been the recipient of several awards and grants including the Southern Arts Federation Fellowship, individual artists' grants from the Georgia Council for the Arts and the Fulton County Arts Council. She and her husband Fernando La Rosa, who is also on the Wesleyan College Art Department faculty, moved to Macon in 1998. Fernando is a photographer who has also exhibited widely in Georgia and whose work is included in many public and private Georgia collections. He is originally from Lima, Peru.

Music professor performs in Jordan

Edward Eikner, Wesleyan's Catherine Comer Professor of Fine Arts, has played piano concerts all over the globe, from New York's Carnegie Hall, to the Prague Spring Festival, to Vale Veneto in Brazil, to performances and music judging duties in Italy, to concerts with the Atlanta and Houston symphonies and almost everywhere in between. However, until recently, Eikner had never performed in the country of Jordan, a long-time dream. That dream became reality when he was invited to play a series of invitation-only concerts and teach several master classes in August 2002.

The wheels were set in motion in May 2001 when Eikner played at a luncheon for Her Majesty Queen Noor, Wesleyan's commencement speaker that year. "Queen Noor asked me if I had ever played in Jordan. When I told her that I hadn't, she said that she thought I should," Eikner says.

Eikner's trip was sponsored by a Fulbright Hayes Grant from the U.S. Government, the Jordan Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, The National Music Conservatory at the Noor Al Hussein Foundation and the American Cultural Center in Amman. Although Eikner speaks several languages, he doesn't speak Arabic. "But I did learn some Arabic phonetically so I could interact with my audiences," he says.

Eikner's first performance was a nighttime concert before the massive Amman Citadel for an audience of 200.

In addition to the master classes he taught during his journey, Eikner also performed a concert at Yarmouk University, at an invitation-only event for 100 people at the elegant Hakoura Restaurant in Fuheis and a reception in his honor at the home of the American ambassador Edward Gnehm in Abdoun.

"They treated me like royalty," Eikner says. "It was such a wonderful experience."





Leonard Santangelo, right, addressed Wesleyan College students, faculty and staff on Nov. 12, 2002, to commemorate Veterans Day. Santangelo, a former member of the Army Air Corp, was stationed at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. His granddaughter, Virginia Propper of Douglasville, Ga., is a first year pre-med student at Wesleyan College.



Junior Monica Harper, left, and senior Lisa Bachtar were selected to represent Wesleyan at the Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA) In-Service Conference Piano Division Sessions in January 2003. The two qualified for this prestigious honor after placing in the top four at the GMEA piano competitions held at Mercer University on Dec. 14, 2002.



Members of Wesleyan College's Student Athlete Advisory Committee recently presented President Ruth Knox with a T-shirt stating Wesleyan's standing as an undefeated football powerhouse since the college's founding in 1836. Designed as a fundraiser for a summer athletic camp held on Wesleyan's campus, the shirts were an instant hit.

Fall Convocation honors students

The following student honors were presented at Fall Convocation on September 12 in Porter Auditorium:

The following students were accepted into the Wesleyan Honors Program: Shraddha Barahi, Nita Balmohan, Marnai Boose, Amber Brooks, Ariel Brown, Elizabeth Cassels, Felicia Cooper, Pamela Crowe, Kimberly Davis, Anna Deckert, Miranda Defore, Charlene D'Souza, Danielle Ducharme, Brandy Ferguson, Crystal Foster, Yo-Leigh Gardner, Nadiyah Gibbs, Amy Gillis, Annielle Grindley, Ghenet Harvey, Melissa Havas, Sashen Hayman, Danielle Hires, Janine Ireland, Jennifer Jenkins, Anastasia Johnson, Jamila Johnson, Jamila Johnston, Bethany Kriznik, Elissa Lothian, Dianna Lusk, Kristina Mendoza, Stephanie Mercer, Krista Morrison, Megan Odom, Jessica Prince, Erin Rooney, Jennifer Rudell, Elizabeth Santos, Christine Saunders, Mary Thurmond, Amanda Troughton, Catherine Tucker, Lindsay Warren, Nicola Watson, Ashley Wheelus and Kristin Williams.

The Munroe Scholarship provides scholarships to students whose intended major is in the area of the sciences and mathematics, and \$1,000 stipends for each "scholar" during her junior and senior years. The following students were awarded a Munroe Scholarship: Toyosi Fatunase, Jennifer Kerr, Elizabeth (Libby) Garrett, Erin Rooney, Stacy-Ann Stephenson, Lauren Warner, Brittany Wilson and Wanja Mwangi.

The following students were awarded a Munroe Research Prize which consists of a \$500 research stipend: Namita Mahanty, Sabrina Bryne, LaTonia Clay and Shraddha Barahi.

The Findlay Fellow program provides scholarships to students majoring in the divisions of the humanities and social and behavioral sciences. The following students were awarded Findlay Fellowships: Jennifer Jenkins, Asha Smith, Amanda Gluck, Devin Harris, Mary Thurmond, Rosemary Harrington and Stephanie Kanady.

The Heyward Endowed Scholarship Fund in Music provides one scholarship per class for the purpose of recruiting and retaining outstanding music majors. The current Heyward Scholars are Monica Harper and Sabrina Laney.



Munroe Scholars: The Munroe Scholars gather at the Scholarship Luncheon in November 2002 for a picture with Judy Woodward Gregory and Julia Munroe Woodward.

Gift presented to Center for Community Engagement and Service

An anonymous donor presented \$50,000 to the recently formed Wesleyan College Center for Community Engagement and Service. This money and an earlier gift of \$15,000 make it possible for the College to perform the initial planning and preparation to get the Center underway. The gift also gives the college a better chance of being able to secure the major funding that will sustain its work in the years to come.

Riding high

Wesleyan's Equestrian Team placed first at the Georgia Southern Horse Show, the last western show of the season, beating second-place University of Florida by 63 points. The team has won seven of eight western shows. Junior Jackie Copenhaver won the regional high point award and an automatic bid to nationals in the AQHA Trophy Class. In addition to Wesleyan's team being regional champions, several Wesleyannes qualified as individual riders in the regional championships to be held on the Wesleyan campus March 30, 2003. They include sophomores Katie Riggs and Katherine Murphey and juniors Melynda Chestnut and Copenhaver. The hunt seat team could have as many as six riders qualify for regionals. There are still two hunt seat shows remaining this season.

Theatre production raises funds for women's causes

This year's production of *The Vagina Monologues*, which was performed Feb. 7 and 8 in the Grassmann-Porter Studio Theatre, raised more than \$2,000. This money will be donated to the Dove Center at the Macon Rescue Mission and to *Monologue's* author Eve Ensler's project for Native American women and the first peoples of Canada.

Two students awarded CWN scholarships

Two Wesleyan College nontraditional students have been awarded scholarships from the Career Women's Network (CWN) of Macon. Cheryl Walker received \$2,266 from the CWN Scholarship Fund of the Community Foundation of Central Georgia, while Donna Wells received \$500 from the Walters Family Scholarship Fund of the Community Foundation of Central Georgia. Both students will use these funds to continue their studies at Wesleyan.

Walker, a senior evening student majoring in business administration, will graduate in May 2003 with a bachelor of science degree.

Wells, a junior Encore student majoring in middle grades education, will be a candidate for graduation in May 2004.

Applicants for the scholarships must be at least 25, be enrolled or accepted to an accredited college or university, demonstrate an ability to succeed in an academic environment and take part in an interview if selected as a finalist.

Encore student wins art show

Wesleyan Encore student Darlene Murphy added to her long list of art accolades recently when she won first place for overall excellence in the Middle Georgia Art Association 5th Annual College Students Fine Arts Competition and Exhibition at the association's gallery in Payne Mill Village.

Murphy, a 45-year-old mother of two, is a sophomore majoring in Advertising and Marketing Communication and Studio Art. "For me (winning the award) is a very big deal," Murphy says. "I feel like I can now say 'I'm really an artist.' I had always loved to draw, but I didn't do my first painting until I got to Wesleyan."

Murphy says she put off college for years and pushed her artistic talents to the side while she worked various office jobs ("very boring," she says) and raised her children. After coming to a crossroads in her life, Murphy knew what she had to do. "I felt like life was passing me by, and I wasn't getting any younger. I knew it was time for me to go to college," she says. According to Murphy, Wesleyan was perfect for her needs. "Everyone has been so nice to me," Murphy says. "They really went out of their way to help me. And I owe so much to Frances de La Rosa and Libby Bailey. Frances is the most inspiring instructor I've ever had, and Libby really opened my eyes."

In addition to Murphy's award in the exhibition, Wesleyan student Jennifer Perlman won the Merit Award. Other Wesleyan students whose works were in the exhibit were: Nicola Watson, Bonne Gibson, Lauren Summers Hodgens, Casey Crownover, Teira Wallace and Karina Dafeamekpor.





Color Rush

What's *gold, red, purple and green* all over?





Photos by Penny L. Kojak



Alumnae Club News

District of Columbia

DC Metro Area Club

The DC Metro Club is back on track after a *Summer in the City Meet and Greet* in June. The re-organizational meeting, hosted by **Betty Chih Huang '71**, provided an opportunity for members to reconnect with each other. Other summer events included a Wesleyan night out at the home of **Kasse Andrews-Weller '72** followed by dinner at Lomita's Mexican Restaurant. In September, the club hosted a reception honoring President **Ruth Knox** at Vie de France. Wesleyan guest Susan Allen, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, also attended and updated alumnae on the *Leap of Faith* Campaign and other Wesleyan news. Our thanks to **Helen Harwell Smith '67**, **Nancy Greer '69**, **Michelle McCluney '96** and **Betty Huang** for spearheading club revitalization efforts.



Meeting in the City: (From left) Helen Harwell Smith '67, Michelle McCluney '96, Pris Gautier Bornmann '68 and Nancy Greer '69 at Vie de France in the Capitol Gallery.

Mark your calendar for Alumnae Weekend 2003 April 25, 26, & 27

Join your classmates for a special weekend at Wesleyan!
Reunions are celebrated at five-years intervals but all alumnae are invited back to this and every Alumnae Weekend.



2003 Reunion Classes

1918	1948	1978
1923	1953	1983
1928	1958	1988
1933	1963	1993
1938	1968	1998
1943	1973	2002

Florida

East Central Florida

Members of the East Central Florida Alumnae Club met recently for dinner at HOPS in Orlando to discuss the club's 2003 agenda. Plans are underway for a group trip to Macon for Alumnae Weekend, where members will be selling a variety of Wesleyan alumnae shirts (golf, Henley, long sleeve, twill, etc.). Proceeds will support the establishment of a local Wesleyan scholarship. Club co-leaders **Jan Lawrence '80** and **LuAlice Waite '79** are spearheading club efforts to attend reunion weekend in honor of President Ruth Knox.



Designing Women: East Central Florida alumnae enjoy "dinner with a plan."

Georgia

Atlanta Club

With the launching of a new web site in the fall, members of the Atlanta Club have the opportunity to check out the latest club news at www.wesleyanatlantaalumnae.com, as well as volunteer for club projects on-line. The club's calendar of events began in August when young alumnae sponsored *Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes: A New Student Party* held at Northside United Methodist Church. **Missy Ryan '98** and **Andrea Morgan '01** chaired the event. In September, **Beth Hitt '97** coordinated plans for young alumnae to meet for *Cocktails and Conversation at the Treehouse*. In October, Atlanta Club members toured Historic Oakland Cemetery. The tour, open to family and friends, ended with lemonade and cookies. Club members rang in the holidays with several Atlanta area events. **Katy Bryant '71** hosted a *Holiday Drop-in Brunch* in her home in Atlanta and **Ruth White Fruit '54** hosted a *Holiday Tea in Tucker*. Our thanks to **Becky Edenfield Lingerfelt '71**, **Linda Hiller LeSueur '69** and **Suzanne Pearce-Tucker '93** for coordinating plans for a *Marietta Holiday Brunch* that included time for antique shopping and a Christmas tour of homes. **Margaret Duckworth Sewell '49** is president of the Atlanta Club.



Holiday Smiles: Atlanta Club President Margaret Duckworth Sewell '49 welcomes classmate Louise Fowler Gartrell to the holiday coffee.



Christmas Tea for Two: Mary Lester Brooks '29 and Natalie Puckett Evans '02, Campaign Associate at Wesleyan College, enjoy the Holiday Tea in Tucker.

Macon Club

In August, Macon area new students and their parents attended *Wesleyan Night at O'Charley's*, sponsored by Macon Club young alumnae. **Patrenice Guthrie Thomas '96**, a member of the board of managers, welcomed a large group of first year, Encore, evening and transfer students to the club's annual event. **Lisa Shiveler '87** also spoke to students on behalf of the Macon Club.

Amanda Gay '99, Amanda Morgan '01, Lisa Shiveler and Patrenice Thomas served as alumnae hostesses. In September, area alumnae (Classes 1918–1979) were treated to a reception at the home of **Maribeth Wills Lowe '67** welcoming our then acting President Ruth Knox to Macon. **Ethelena Jackson Brown '36, Louise Futrelle Dodd '49, Mary Eva Bryan DuBose '52, Beth Sullins Hughes '75, and Mary Jo Fincher Plowden '68** also served as alumnae hostesses. The 2002 *Alumnae Link Reception* was held in Burden Parlor in October. The program focuses on linking sophomore students with Macon area alumnae. The club's holiday activities included several around town venues. The traditional *Holiday Coffee* was held in Burden Parlor, where alumnae viewed the 2002 alumnae Christmas Tree then enjoyed music at the annual Wesleyan Christmas Concert in Porter Auditorium. An evening *Yuletide Wine and Cheese Drop-In*, hosted by **Kari Goellner Johnston '91**, was open to alumnae and friends. Alumnae at Carlyle Place enjoyed *Cookies and Carols at Carlyle*. Many thanks to **Betty Atwater '49** and **Christine Nicholas '48** for serving on the holiday phone committee. New club officers for 2003 include **Kari Johnston** and **Jenee De Chant '92**, co-leaders; **Mary Cay White McCullough '93**, secretary; and **Brandy Hayes '98**, treasurer.



First for Friends: Macon area new students get a head start on friendship at O'Charley's.



A Season for Sisterhood: Macon alumnae celebrate the holidays in Burden Parlor.



Holiday Hosts: Ken and Kari Goellner Johnston '91 with President Ruth Knox.



Golden Isles Christmas Card: (From top row on steps) Mary Beth Taylor Keys '69, Mary Tappan Garrison '46, Elizabeth T. Sorrells '69, French Dekle Kelsey '44, Charlotte Poole Harrell '56 and Maria Powell Chapman '85 send greetings from St. Simons Island.



A Presidential Welcome: Macon alumnae welcome Ruth Knox. (From left) Cathy Coxey Snow, Maribeth Wills Lowe '67, Ruth Knox, Beth Sullins Hughes '75, Louise Futrelle Dodd '49, Mary Eva Bryan DuBose '52 and Mary Jo Fincher Plowden '68 greet the new president.

Golden Isles Club

Alumnae Director **Cathy Coxey Snow '71** attended the annual Golden Isles Christmas Coffee held at the home of **Mary Tappan Garrison '46** on St. Simons Island, Georgia. A large gathering of alumnae attended the coffee and enjoyed hearing all of the latest news from the college. Area newcomers also had the opportunity to view Mary's historic home, a former rectory built by Anson Dodge.



Coastal Christmas Cheer: Golden Isles alumnae "meet and greet" at the club's annual *Holiday Coffee*.

Massachusetts

Boston Group

Area alumnae hosted a reception honoring the 2002 Leadership Institute Fellows, members of the Wesleyan faculty and President Ruth Knox in August. Our thanks to alumnae hostesses **Patti Henry '76**, **Margaret McCready Cornell '60** and **Ann Raines Williamson '85** for coordinating plans for *Wesleyan Night in Boston*, held at the Boston College Club overlooking the historic Charles River. Wesleyan Trustee **Lynda Brinks Pfeiffer '63** and Alumnae Director Cathy Snow also attended.



Wesleyan Night in Boston: Alumnae at the Boston College Club. (From left) Cathy Snow, Margaret McCready Cornell '61, Patti Henry '76, Katie Garrett-Miettinen '92, President Ruth Knox, Lynda Brinks Pfeiffer '63. (Front row, from left) Patricia Sterling '84 and Peg Atkisson '84.

For more information about an alumnae club in your area or forming a new club or group, please contact Cathy Snow, director of alumnae affairs, at (478) 757-5173 or email her at csnow@wesleyancollege.edu.

In Memorium

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| 1920 Erin McArthur Jenkins | Sarah Renfroe Megahee | 1943 Audrey Frapaul Davis |
| 1924 Lillian Crawford McKenzie | 1934 Frances Tippins Laws | Lilly Lake Stephenson |
| Ruth Broadhurst Peacock | Dorothy Davis Poythress | 1944 Ethel Pierce Bedingfield |
| 1925 Elizabeth Cawthon Stanback | 1935 Avis Moate Brown | Cornelia Stokes Bussey |
| 1927 Lilius Baldwin Turnell | Eugenia West Pirkle | Martha Goodrich Loder |
| 1928 Martha Spratling Crenshaw | 1936 Ruth Mahone Harris | 1945 Eva Spence Jeronimus |
| Leita Moore Morgan | 1937 Katherine Kilpatrick Lamar | Marianne Nunn Tolleson |
| 1930 Leah Rochester Felton | 1938 Helen Jones Hanson | 1947 Floria Mann Anderson |
| Nell Pryor Kinzie | Susan Hargrave Magette | Margaret "Whit" Whitney Kirschner |
| Virginia Owens Lanier | Elisabeth White Van Dyck | Edna Roach Rogers |
| Minnie Lee Herrington Varner Rountree | 1939 Laurice Clay Dillard | Rena Shaefer |
| Evelyn Smith Watson | Juanita Ferrell Fannin | Mary Spear Stephens |
| 1931 Vivian Hay Anderson | Elizabeth Hodges Garrett | 1949 Nina Mitchell Bond |
| Stella Cater Baxley | Eleanor Skeen McClanahan | 1950 Nancy Foltz Valenta |
| Elizabeth "Tibba" Anderson Belcher | Mary Gardner Oliver | 1951 Frances Girardeau Felner |
| Mary Jackson Mechling St. John | 1940 Geneva Agnes Giese | 1952 Caroline Hopkins Brown |
| 1932 Helen Hall Coursey | Fred Turpin Hogg | Joan Garner Rogers |
| Virginia Shippey Jones | 1941 Alice Gammage Duke | 1978 Joan Wheeler Riviere |
| Dorothy Fountain Taylor | 1942 Margaret Smith Lancaster | 2001 Kimberly Miller |
| 1933 Katherine Hudson Herrington | Anne Booker Ray | |
| Carolyn Lawton Kilgore | | |

Trice Blessed

Remembering Reginald and Frankie Trice

To say that Reginald and Frankie Trice left an indelible and loving mark on Wesleyan College is an understatement. The Trices, who died within a week of each other in December 2002, were two of the college's most ardent supporters, financially and otherwise. Their legacy can be seen from the Trice Conference Room and Trice Recreation Room, to Reginald Trice's 46 years on the Wesleyan Board of Trustees, serving as chairman from 1963 to 1972.

"The Trices were devoted friends of Wesleyan," said Susan Allen, Vice President of Institutional Advancement. "The impact they had on Wesleyan and her students can be seen everywhere. Students will feel that impact for years to come."

Born on his family's farm near Thomaston, Georgia, in 1907, Reginald Trice was a highly respected businessman in Macon and throughout Georgia. He was instrumental in bringing Interstate 75 through Macon during his tenure as chairman of the Georgia State Highway Board. Though he was 95 at the time of his death on Dec. 4, he was still active in civic affairs.

Trice's credo of life and his love of Wesleyan were chronicled in the February 1965 issue of the *Wesleyan Alumnae Magazine*. "I have a deep and abiding faith in the future of our country and of Wesleyan College. We must drive forward in the traditional spirit of our pioneers, with enthusiasm and optimism." How true his words still ring in 2003.



Frankie Trice died just four days after her beloved husband, at the age of 94. She was a former teacher in the Bibb County school system, a member of the Girl Scouts Council, the United Daughters of the Confederacy and a life member of the YWCA.

"The Trices certainly loved Wesleyan, but they loved each other even more," Allen said. "Their 72-year marriage was based on equality, respect and loyalty. They will be sorely missed at Wesleyan, but we are all better people for having known them."

And Wesleyan is a better college because of their generosity.



Sympathy

Julia Pryor Macklen '24 of Raleigh, N.C., on the death of her sister, **Nell Pryor Kinzie '30** of Washington, DC, on August 16, 2002.

Clara Jackson-Martin '32 of Birmingham, Ala., on the death of her sister, **Mary Jackson Mechling St. John '31**, on June 13, 2002.

Mary Gray Munroe Cobey '34 of University Park, Md., **Julia Munroe Woodward '34** of Quincy, Fla., and **Margaret Munroe Thrower '35** of Atlanta on the death of their brother, Pat Munroe of Potomac, Md., on July 5, 2002.

Carolyn Malone Carpenter '39 of Atlanta on the death of her husband, J. Wallace Carpenter, on June 30, 2002.

Mary "Mimi" Cordes Kelley '39 of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., on the death of her daughter, Margaret K. Sanderson, on October 3, 2002.

Ida Stephens Williams '40 of Perry, Fla., on the death of her husband, John Mason Williams, on December 21, 2002.

Rita Santry McGill '42 of Jacksonville, Fla., on the death of her husband, Robert L. "Bob" McGill Sr., on July 31, 2002.

Stevens Dessau Ashmore '43, **Georgann Dessau Blum '47** and **Cordelia Dessau Holliday '48** of Macon on the death of Steven's husband and Georgeann and Corky's brother-in-law, Walter G. Ashmore, on August 29, 2002.

Margaret Spear Diederich '44 of Annandale, Va., on the death of her sister, **Mary Spear Stephens '47**, of Columbus, Ga., on October 21, 2002.

Helen Farmer Popejoy '44 of Macon and **Alisa Fussell Popejoy '82** of Atlanta on the death of Helen's husband and Alisa's father-in-law, Dr. Sam Popejoy Jr., on March 21, 2002.

Dorothy Hill Bruce '45 of Macon on the death of her husband, James Yates Bruce, on December 3, 2002.

Esther Taylor Faulk '46 of Macon on the death of her husband, Alfred Donald Faulk, on October 3, 2002.

Rhett Jenkins Smith '48 of Moultrie, Ga., on the death of her mother, **Erin McArthur Jenkins '20** of Moultrie, in August 2002.

Beverly Banks Boland '49 of Gainesville, Ga., on the death of her husband, Dr. Charles Galloway Boland Jr., on August 25, 2002.

Jane Morgan Hogan '49 and **Jean Elsom Hogan '51** of Macon on the death of Jane's husband and Jean's brother-in-law, Wallace Cole Hogan Sr., on December 18, 2002.

Marcella DiVenuto Wood '49 of Atlanta, on the death of her husband, Dr. William "Bill" Adolphus Wood Jr., on November 7, 2002.

Frances Mahone Gavin '50 of Macon on the death of her sister, **Ruth Mahone Harris '36** of Wilmington, N.C., on June 21, 2002.

Charlotte Battle Everback '52 of Winter Park, Fla., on the death of her husband, John H. Everbach on May 30, 2002.

Ann Pasley Fletcher '52 of Thomaston, Ga., on the death of her husband of 50 years, James H. "Jimmy" Fletcher, on November 16, 2002.

Claire Michaels Murray '52 of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., on the death of her husband, Keith F. Murray, on June 13, 2002.

Happy Garner Kirkpatrick '56 of Gainesville, Ga., on the death of her sister, **Joan Garner Rogers '52** of Lenior, N.C., on December 26, 2002.

Nancy Cook Hollingsworth '58 of Austin, Texas, on the death of her mother, Grace Cook, in July 2002.

Medra Lott Keyser '58 of Fernandina Beach, Fla., on the death of her husband, John J. Keyser, on October 22, 2002.

Martha Carter Middlemas '58 of Panama City, Fla., on the death of her husband, Lott Warren Middlemas Jr., on August 18, 2002.

Betty Nunn Mori '58 of Atlanta and **Sandra Smisson Tolleson '80** of Elko, Ga., on the death of Betty's cousin and Sandra's sister-in-law, **Marianne Nunn Tolleson '45** of Perry, Ga., on July 28, 2002.

Gloria Boyette Price '60 of Valdosta, Ga., and **Myra Boyette '65** of Atlanta on the death of their father, Isaac Harmon Boyette Sr., on October 19, 2002.

Tommie Sue Montgomery Abrahams '63 of Ontario, Canada, on the death of her mother, Edith Montgomery, on December 15, 2002.

Fabia Trice Rogers '63 of Macon on the death of her father, Reginald Trice, on December 4, 2002, and her mother, Frankie Trice, on December 8, 2002.

Frances Varner Roberts '64 of Gray, Ga., on the death of her mother, **Minnie Lee Herrington Varner Rountree '30** of Macon on November 3, 2002.

Pam Craig Gay '69 of Warner Robins, Ga., on the death of her mother, Mary Ellen Craig, of Warner Robins, on August 10, 2002.

Linda Beyer Giles '70 of Monticello, Ga., on the death of her father, Joseph M. Beyer, on October 15, 2002.

Sally Shingler Kurrie '70 of Valdosta, Ga., on the death of her mother, Ruth Rhymes Shingler, in 2002.

Sharon Bey Boyer '72 of Rockledge, Fla., on the death of her father, Franklin "Frank" A. Bey, on August 25, 2002.

Meg Hogan Campbell '72 of Macon and **Kristina Hogan Leggett '80** of Braselton, Ga., on the death of their father, Wallace Cole Hogan Sr., on December 18, 2002.

Eileen Vickery Thurmond '72 of Atlanta, on the death of her husband, David W. Thurmond, on July 20, 2002.

Tori Stephenson Heimall '74 of Sussex, N.J., on the death of her mother, **Lilly Lake Stephenson '43** of Augusta, Ga., on August 12, 2002.

Lisa McKinney '74 of Winder, Ga., **Karen McKinney Renner '78** of Bon Aqua, Tenn. and **Michael McKinney '82** of Macon, on the death of their mother, Lisa Marie Pegram McKinney, on October 29, 2002. Mrs. McKinney was the wife of George McKinney, professor emeritus of theatre.

Sarah Turnbull Snow '74 of Chapel Hill, N.C., on the death of her father, James P. Turnbull of Avon Park, Fla., on December 5, 2002.

Jane Williams Tarman '74 of Statesville, N.C., and **Laura Tarman '03** of Macon on the death of Jane's father and Laura's grandfather, John Mason Williams, on December 21, 2002.

Janice Pyron Wagoner '78 of Macon on the death of her mother, Reba Elna Reid Pyron, on April 9, 2002.

Jo Cheezem Abney '81 of Sugar Hill, Ga., on the death of her father, Dr. James A. Cheezem, on November 13, 2002.

Judy Lo Forward Lear '86 of Conyers, Ga., on the death of her mother, Dorothy Forward, of Conyers, on July 28, 2002.

LuLu Stewart Wilcox '95 of Glenwood, Ga., on the death of her grandmother, **Katherine Kilpatrick Lamar '37**, on August 3, 2002.

Beth A. Kargel '91 of Atlanta on the death of her father, Charles "Chuck" Kargel of Tallahassee, Fla., on November 9, 2002.

April Laine Prince '02 of Austin, Texas and **Jessica Prince '05** of Baker, Fla., on the death of their father, Robbie Prince, in October 2002.

Births and Family Additions

Dawn Miller Sturbaum '86 and Doug of Loganville, Ga., on the birth of a daughter, Melinda Joyce Sturbaum, on November 16, 2001. Jonathan (age 4) is a proud big brother.

Mary Frances Baugh Stewart '87 and Jeff of Gray, Ga., on the birth of a daughter, Macy Elizabeth Stewart, on February 20, 2002.

Debbie Stevenson Moses '89 and Robert of Atlanta on the birth of a daughter, Virginia "Ginny" Ann Moses on October 17, 2002.

Tammy Sapp Bailey '90, husband Shannon and big brother Reed of Valdosta, Ga., on the birth of a son, Ragan Thomas, on November 16, 2002.

Kathy Jackson Williford '90 and Tim of Wilson, N.C., on the birth of a son, Thorne Simmons Williford, on August 9, 2002.

Sennie Carter Queen '92 and Tim of Athens, Ga., on the birth of a son, Timothy Jason Queen, on June 18, 2002.

Melanie Filson Lewis '93 of Morrow, Ga., on the birth of a daughter, Parker Lillian Lewis in 2002.

Nicole Keller Derrick '94 and Christopher of Acworth, Ga., on the birth of a son, Jack Taylor Thompson Derrick, on September 21, 2002.

Samatha Ebanks Ramirez '95 and Wilmer of George Town, Grand Cayman, on the birth of a daughter, Arigail Nigela, on June 27, 2002.

Stephanie Russ-Barber '95 and Keith of Douglas, Ga., on the birth of a son, Harrison Bennett, on March 20, 2002.

Cindy Dawkins Whitmoyer '98 and Joel of Perry, Ga., on the birth of a son, Nathaniel, on October 31, 2002.

Marriages

Claire Houser '53 of Fort Valley, Ga., who married Dr. Billy Dodd on October 11, 2002.

Susan Jones '68 of Jacksonville, Fla., who married Jerry Shulman, on September 9, 1999.

Kathleen Carrie Russell '74 of Martinez, Ga., who married John R. Leysath Jr., on November 26, 2002.

Michele Arduengo '88 of Madison, Wis., who married Phillip Calvagna on Prince Edward Island, Canada, on September 18, 2002.

Rosalind Evans '88 of Atlanta, who married Steven K. Weiss on December 7, 2002.

Tara Joyner Davidson '91 of Byron, Ga., who married Captain Hans Peter Haussler, USAF, on December 14, 2002.

Emily Elizabeth Adams '93 of Rome, Ga., who married David Mowery.

Erin Mize '93 of Macon, who married Brian George Davis on June 22, 2002, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Macon.

Elizabeth Bockmiller '94 of Clayton, N.C., who married Benjamin J. Ceranowski on May 19, 2002.

Stephanie Miller '96 of St. Petersburg, Fla., who married Bill Kitelynn on April 13, 2002, in Dunedin, Fla. **Heather Preuss Kent '96** and **Aimee Morris Lashley '96** were matrons of honor. **Kristin Conley Lambie '96**, **Kathy Worley Hammes '96**, and **Jill Hauver Celeste '94** attended the wedding.

Christina Homs '98 of Lake Mary, Fla., who married Charles David Beaver, on December 14, 2002, in Mount Dora, Fla.

Danielle Fleming '99 of Macon, who married Bernard Allen Fanning on June 1, 2002.

Sarah Marshall '99 of Lawrenceville, Ga., who married Richard Nester, on June 30, 2002, in Atlanta.

Shannon McWaters '00 of Jacksonville, Fla., who married James D. Lyvers on March 16, 2002, in Jacksonville.

Misti Lynn Mosely '01 of Macon, who married John Robert Sikes Jr., on September 14, 2002.

Angela Weddington '01 of N. Augusta, S.C., who married Brian Varisco in June 2002.

Alison DeAnn Justus '02 of Gainesville, Ga., who married Ryan Jay Mandell on August 17, 2002, in Gainesville, Ga. They now make their home in Reno, Nev.

Tarra Wall '02 of Dalton, Ga., who married Mercer graduate Andrew Powell of Lawrenceville, Ga., on August 10, 2002, in Dalton. **Amanda Smith '01** of Macon was the maid of honor. The couple resides in Kennesaw, Ga.

Angela Hall '03 of Warner Robins, Ga., who married John A. Hughes on August 3, 2002.

Jennifer Hope Huggins '05 of Warner Robins, Ga., who married Kevin James Lemoine, on June 1, 2002.

Ann Munck Honoring the First Name in Sisterhood

No one epitomizes Wesleyan sisterhood more than Ann Munck '38. When you think about all that is good about Wesleyan, hers is one of the first names that comes to mind. The *Leap of Faith* Campaign provides her friends, former students and classmates with the perfect opportunity to honor her with contributions to Wesleyan. Jan Lawrence '80 and a group of other alums are engaged in an effort to do just that. To paraphrase a comment Annie Laurie Brennan Wynn '80 made to Jan, Miss Munck taught us about sisterhood while she was teaching us about Chaucer.

Fortunately, there are two endowed funds named for Miss Munck that already lend themselves to this purpose. One is an endowed scholarship and the other an endowed teaching award. Or you can make an unrestricted donation to the *Leap of Faith* Campaign in Miss Munck's honor.

Miss Munck served as a faculty member from 1950 to 1988. Upon retirement, a group of her former students established an award in her honor, the Ann Munck Award for Excellence in Teaching. There were more than 340 donors when the fund was established. An endowed fund, the honor provides a monetary award for a faculty member who exemplifies excellence in his or her profession.

A second endowed fund was actually created before the teaching award. It is a scholarship established in 1970 by the PK class to honor their advisor. Originally called the "PK Class of 1970 Scholarship Fund," they petitioned the Board of Trustees to rename it in 1971. It is now known as the Ann Munck Scholarship Fund. Recipients are selected based on financial need and contributions to Wesleyan and their class. The scholarship is awarded to a rising junior.

If you would like to honor Ann Munck and leap into the endowment challenge at the same time, consider joining Jan in making a gift to one of these two endowed funds or making an unrestricted gift. Just remember, the deadline to make a *Leap of Faith* pledge is December 31, 2003. For further information, contact Susan Allen at Wesleyan College at (478) 757-5187 or email Jan at jml@cfl.rr.com.



1920s

Centenarian **Irene Sewell Hobby '22** of Atlanta was featured in an article in the DeKalb Neighbor, which highlights her role as the oldest member of the Medical Association of Georgia's Alliance. In September, her son, Dr. Lovic Hobby, hosted a 100th birthday celebration for her with a reception held at Druid Hills Golf Club. Many Wesleyan College friends were in attendance, including President **Ruth Knox '75**, former President Bob Ackerman and his wife, May, and close friends, **Rosalind Allison Burns '47**, and Mary Boyle Hataway (daughter of the late **Roline Trimble Boyle '24**) who helped with party plans.

Mary Jones Meier '26 writes, "I came to Roanoke, Virginia, 76 years ago from Macon, Georgia. I am 97 years of age. My daughter, May Meier Justice, and her husband also live here. I love receiving information about Wesleyan. I attend Bible lectures and Vespers each week at my Brandon Oaks Retirement Home."

1930s

The local DAR chapter gave **Virginia Perry Buckner '33** of Daytona Beach, Florida, a big 90th birthday bash. DAR members from all over the state attended, as well as her son and his wife, and her daughter. With a bouquet of two dozen red roses and a gold crown to wear, Virginia had a wonderful time.

Anne Brooks Bazemore '39 and husband Gordon of Tennille, Georgia, were honored by their family with a wonderful party at the country club. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary and both their birthdays: Gordon's 90th and Anne's 80th.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Mary Cordes Kelley '39** of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, whose daughter, Margaret K. Sanderson, died in October 2002, after a twenty-year battle with multiple sclerosis. (See *Sympathy*.)



1916: 107 years and counting... President Ruth Knox shares a birthday smile with Myrtle Taliaferro Rankin '16, Wesleyan's oldest graduate.

Charlie and **Winifred Milam Rich '39** of Conyers, Georgia, have moved into a retirement home that is closer to their family. "We like it very much; of course, miss our friends in Manchester."

1940s

Margaret Hunter Richards '40 of Greensboro, Georgia, is proud that Ruth Knox is Wesleyan's new President. "I am certain she will do a great job!" Margaret and Ruth's mother, Ruth Hall Knox were 4-year roommates at Wesleyan — Class of '40.

Margaret Cobb Foley '41 has moved to a retirement residence to be near her son, who lives in Sacramento, California.

Our best wishes to **Rev. Eleanor Shelton Morrison '41** and her daughter, Rev. Melanie Morrison, for a great year of programming at the Leaven Center. They are co-founders (in 1987) and co-directors of Leaven, Inc., a non-profit organization providing education and resources, including retreats, workshops and seminars, in the areas of spiritual development, feminism, anti-racism, and sexual justice. Their center in Lansing, Michigan, located on 40 acres of beautiful woodlands, is open to all who seek to be leavening agents for change — resisting oppression and engendering hope.

Jane E. Foley '42 of Atlanta is recuperating; three fingers on her right hand were out of commission due to an accident.

Louie "Lou" Woodward Marshall '42 is happily settled in her new home in the country near her daughter, Louise, and her family in Oxford, Georgia. She reports that it is wonderful to see five of her six great grandchildren (all under five years) so often. The sixth lives in Augusta. Louie also enjoyed seeing classmates at the reunion luncheon last year.

"Since my recent move with my daughter, Kristen, to St. Simons Island, Georgia, I have found both Agnes Scott and Wesleyan classmates. **Mary Tappan Garrison '46** hosted a lovely coffee attended by Alumnae Director **Cathy Coxey Snow '71**, where I met other Wesleyan friends. How nice to have a circle of friends immediately in your new home," writes **French Dekle Kelsey '44**.

"Herb and I live in a retirement community that also provides sections for assisted living and skilled nursing. Herb has had some health problems but our family doctor thinks I may live to be 109 years old. Goodness!" writes **Dorothy Daley Kirschbaum '44** of Candler, North Carolina.

Lou Davis McGuire '44 has been in real estate for 25 years on St. Simons Island, Georgia. She became a great-grandmother June 19, so it's about time to play. She plans to retire soon.

Our sympathy to **Helen Farmer Popejoy '44** of Macon, whose husband, Sam W. Popejoy, a retired dentist, died March 21, 2002. They met at Wesleyan in 1943 and had been married for 55 years. (See *Sympathy*.)

Dorothy Anne Pim Roth '44 and husband Clint of Gainesville, Georgia, went to St. Simons Island and Fernandina Beach in October, where they were royally entertained by **Mary Lou Davis McGuire '44** and **Suzanne Davis Hardee '44**. They had such fun seeing **French Dekle Kelsey '44**. "Wena Hunt NeSmith '44 is as beautiful as ever," writes Pim.

Congratulations to **Frances Thurman Fitzgerald '45** and her husband, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September. They live in Black Mountain, North Carolina.

Sara Griffin James '45 of Jesup, Georgia, has had a busy year serving as president of UMW at Jesup FUMC and as president of the Ladies Golf Association of Pine Forest Country Club. She reports that **Mary Frances Webb Nall '45** is expecting another grandchild. She and husband Bill enjoy their cabin in the North Carolina mountains. **Miriam Chylinski Lykke '45**, although somewhat incapacitated after hip replacement surgery, is still in the midst of research on Edgar Allen Poe.

During the last few months, **Effie Thornton Taylor '45** of Snellville, Georgia, has spoken on the phone with classmates **Lois Goldman Cowan** and **Rebecca Shipley Street**. "It's truly wonderful how Wesleyan friendships last through the years," writes Effie.

Winifred Bosch Titterton '45 stays busy in Aquebogue, New York. In addition to having six grandchildren, she is treasurer of Friends of Riverhead Library and is a member of the Woman's Club of Riverhead. "We love to take cruises when we can fit it in."

Congratulations to **Margaret Boyett Arnold '46** of Blakely, Georgia, whose great-granddaughter, Baily Boyett Beard, was born November 2, 2001, in Dallas, Texas. **Margaret Arnold Jackson '70** is her grandmother. Bailey's great-great-grandmother was **Margaret Deal Boyett '25**. Her baptism ceremony was in Dallas on June 16. "Of course, she's wonderful and beautiful!" writes Margaret.

Larry and **Emily Bradford Batts '46** of Charlotte, North Carolina, have had a good, quiet year. Their oldest granddaughter is married, living in Raleigh. Her brother is a high school senior and is applying to college. Their two youngest grandchildren are in elementary school and play basketball for their school teams.

Helen Proctor Watson '46 of Statesboro, Georgia, writes that her sister, Carolyn Proctor, has moved to Statesboro after 60 years in New York City.

In September of 2002, **Anne Carlton Blanchard '47** of Swannanoa, North Carolina, took a tour to the Republic of South Africa, from Cape Town to Johannesburg, including Kruger National Park. She learned a great deal about what has been going on there since the end of apartheid. Anne spent one night in a Zulu village and two days on safari, seeing many animals.

In July, the Harris Arts Center in Watkinsville, Georgia, featured watercolors by **Margaret Smith Mines '47**, who lives in Cartersville. Margaret has worked as a graphic designer and has taught art education in public schools. The recipient of numerous awards in national and international juried shows, her distinct style is described as one that is "fresh and direct."

Maconites **Annie Anderson Jones '48** and her husband, Wesleyan Trustee Frank Jones, attended the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize Ceremony in Oslo, Norway. Frank received the invitation from President Jimmy Carter. They were honored to be part of this historic event. (See photo on page 27.)

An undated photo entitled "Bathing Beauty at Camp Joycliff," removed from the archives at the YWCA building in Macon, turned out to be a picture of **Jean Cowart Fleming '48**. **Corky Dessau Holliday '48** recognized Jean in the photo that ran in the 50 Years Ago section of *The Macon Telegraph* in July.

The Pilot Club of Macon installed **Betty Atwater '49** of Macon as one of its 2002-2003 board members.

Marian Lewis Gordon '49 of Macon teaches piano at home. Husband Royce is retired. Daughter Elizabeth and her husband, Dr. Wes Marchman, live in Florence, Alabama. Son David is executive pastor of Intown Community Church (PCA) in Atlanta. Marian and Royce have eight grandchildren.

Julia Carreker Mathias '49 is saddened by the death of her Wesleyan little sister, **Frances Girardeau Felner '51**, who died in an auto accident in September. Her mother, **Lillian Cox Girardeau**, and Julia's mother, **Claire Dickey Carreker**, were Wesleyan classmates and friends back in the teens. Frances was very active in the Lookout Mountain community, in her garden club, gourmet club, book club and served for over 40 years on the altar guilds of two churches. She was also a graduate of Washington Seminary in Atlanta. "We have lost a truly generous and loving friend," writes Julia from Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Classmates **Helen Clanton Meredith** of Wilmington,

Delaware, and **Marjorie Perkins Squires** of Atlanta also attended the memorial service for Frances. (See *In Memoriam*.)

Anne Strozier Threadgill '49 of Greenville, Georgia, has five living generations in her family: mother Miriam (who will be 98 in January 2003), Anne herself, daughter Miriam, grandson Robby and his son, Seth.

Concert pianist **William E. Toole '49** of Augusta, Georgia, performed along with his magnificent singers at a concert benefit for the Summit Charter School in Cashiers, North Carolina in July. His voice students, who are also members of the Augusta Collegium Musicum, also performed at the Spoleto Festival in June. The former Julliard faculty member and his wife, Bertha, summer in Cashiers, where they enjoy hiking and spending time with their seven children and 14 grandchildren. Bill, who is retired, also serves on the boards of Augusta arts organizations and conducts concerts, coaches singers, and even finds time to paint.

1950s

A. Eugene Barton '50 lives in Butler, New Jersey. He is retired from Butler United Methodist Church after 40 years as organist/choirmaster, and from AT&T as Benefit Supervisor for 33 years.

"I have sold my school, Martha Manson Academy," writes **Margaret Manson Buckel '50** of Gainesville, Florida. Classmates **Mary Ruth Fordham Greenfield** and **Mary Newell Cobb** visited with Midge at her summer house in North Carolina.

Maconites **Allee Gardiner Hollis '51** and husband Bill enjoy their 7 grandchildren, all of whom live nearby. They have been to New York twice, and to Guam and Louisiana this year working with the Red Cross Disaster Relief. They walk by Wesleyan often and enjoy seeing all the activity there.

Robin Chesney Hopkins '51 and her husband traveled to Geneva, Pompeii, Majorca and Barcelona. Their two daughters, Amanda (in Massachusetts) and Adrienne (in Maryland) are busy with their families. While in Majorca they visited the abbey where Chopin lived with George Sand and composed his beautiful piano works.

Mary R. Lewis '51 of Houston, Texas, organized and led the first study abroad course for the University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work, where she teaches. Students spent a week in Wales and a week in London studying "Child Welfare Practice in England and Wales." During the summer Mary also visited relatives in North Carolina, went to Alaska, and spent a week at Chautaugua (New York) Institute during the theme week on "Paths of Transformation" that focused on the three Abrahamic religions.

The South Carolina Genealogical Society gave its first place award for best family history to **Sidney Ford Tatom '51** for her book, *The Fords of Fairfield County, South Carolina, A Documentary History, Volume I*.

Betty Banks Deal '52 of Brunswick, Georgia, writes, "The Class of '52 reunion was a great occasion. We had a chance to catch up on what we've done and where we've been. We received a warm welcome from the Wesleyan staff and



1922: Wesleyan friends help Irene Sewell Hobby '22 (center), a past president of the alumnae association, celebrate her 100th birthday at the Druid Hills Golf Club in Atlanta.



students. Campus is lovely. Jean, Peggy and Cherie led a vespers service that was very touching. The *Alma Mater* following with tears for many. I look forward to next time." Betty and husband Bob celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September. Highlights of their courtship, wedding and anniversary were also featured in an article in the *Brunswick News*.

Macon resident **Mary Eva Bryan DuBose '52** is grieving over the death of her precious roommate, **Caroline Hopkins Brown '52** on November 18. She is so grateful they were together for their 50th reunion in April. "Sweet memories of a gracious and charming Southern Belle," writes Mary Eva. (See *In Memoriam*.)

Nancy King Flanders '52 of Los Osos, California, will celebrate her 50-year wedding anniversary in October 2003.

Peggy Willis Lewis '52 of Huntington, West Virginia, has retired from a private counseling practice. She now volunteers for Red Cross as a disaster mental health specialist. Her two children are grown and she has four precious grandchildren.

"My husband, Keith, passed away last June," writes **Claire Michaels Murray '52** of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. "Artie Dennis (Thevaos) and I are teaming up again and playing violin/piano sonata concerts (6 in 2003) and we're going to Beaumont, Texas, for the wedding of **Mary Baldwin Woodland's** ('51) son, then cruising in the Caribbean in April. Artie's husband, Theo, will go with us. We really enjoyed our 50th reunion at Wesleyan and playing for the different events." (See *Sympathy*.)

Sheila Rubel Schertzer '52 stayed busy this fall in a delightfully comic role in the new off-Broadway production of *Yentl*, which ran seven shows a week from October to December.

Proud grandma, **Jean Armstrong Smith '52** of Atlanta, traveled to Lexington, Kentucky, to watch her granddaughter, Becky, in the national horse show for junior jumpers at the Kentucky Horse Park. Jean had never seen her ride in such a prestigious show and enjoyed it immensely, especially since Becky is now number one in her category in the country. This win put Becky on the Junior Olympic team, and hopefully we'll see her one day on the US team!

Mary Ann Fitzgerald Blackwell '53 and husband Chapman enjoy life in Columbus, Indiana. They were married in July 2000. Together they have four children, four in-laws and ten grandchildren!

Alice Hulsey Coffee '53 of Eastman, Georgia, writes, "I was struck with rheumatoid arthritis four months after my husband died. Three months later I was 'cured,' or lost all of the worst effects of arthritis. This was thanks to a friend who was kind enough to give me the directions to get the right doctor. I'm swimming everyday and my health is still improving with no addictive drugs." Alice invites others seeking treatment to call her.

"Friendship Force takes up a lot of my time, when I am not substituting in the schools," writes **Laura Aylor Martin '53** of Fort Collins, Colorado. She took a group to Turrialba, Costa Rica, in January 2002 and helped with an incoming exchange from Sao Paulo, Brazil, in October.

"I'm looking forward to our 50th reunion in April," writes **Mary Joe Cawley McGee '53** from Albany, Georgia.

Jacqueline Ward Schontzler '53 and husband Bruce of Lilburn, Georgia, have one grandchild, David Chase, who lives 30 minutes away. He's 12 and is in the 7th grade. In February, they expect a second grandchild, Tyler Lee, whose parents live about 400 miles away. "We'll keep the road to Andalusia busy! We are so excited!!" writes Jackie.

Jane Shriver Sharp '53 of Palos Verdes Estates, California, also plans to attend her 50th reunion in April. Jane has lived in California for 30 years, where she works as an independent artist.

In an article in the *Aiken Standard*, **Rep. Elsie Sutherland Rast Stuart '53** of Pelion, South Carolina, announced her retirement from public office. In a career spanning three decades, she has served as county councilwoman, Pelion mayor, and state legislator.

On a trip to Tallulah Falls School in October, **Frances Bruce Van Horn '53** met **Irene Henry Gray '77**, who works as assistant to the academic dean at the school.

A recent book review in *The Darien News* and in the *Wesleyan Christian Advocate* introduces the new book by **Donnie Donaldson Porterfield '54** of Savannah, entitled *Where Were You When The Parsonage Fell Down?* It chronicles the hilarious clergy-life led by Donnie and husband Rev. Joe Porterfield.

Another first — **Louise S. White '54** of Decatur, Georgia, compiled a list of Georgia Poets Laureate. No other librarian in Decatur or Atlanta had such a list — neither did the people at the Georgia Archives! Louise sent a copy for the Willet Library.

Macon Telegraph columnist Ed Grisamore featured **Neva Jane Langley Fickling '55** on the fiftieth anniversary of her crowning as Miss America in September 1952.

Milt and **Helen Horne Sweigert '55** of Alpharetta, Georgia, are blessed to have two daughters and their husbands (and 7 grandkids!) living in the Atlanta area near them. Although Milt has Parkinson's Disease, he has a great attitude and they both sing in the choir at church. Helen loves teaching a weekly Bible study to 24 women.

From Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, **Lucy Neeley Adams '56** writes, "So wonderful to be with **Anne Carlton Blanchard '47** in Asheville in December. Had never met her and was so happy when someone introduced us. We had a Wesleyanne mini-reunion!"



1944: Green Knights from the Class of 1944 enjoy a summer luncheon with Wesleyan guests in Gainesville, Georgia.

In her third year of retirement, **Nancy Howard '57** of Louisville, Kentucky, fills her time with lots of travel. She still enjoys memories of the 45th reunion of the Class of 1957.

After 28 years in west Texas, **Nancy Cook Hollingsworth '58** has moved to a community very near Austin, Texas. She would love to get in touch with any fellow Wesleyans in the Austin area. Sadly, her mother, Grace Cook, died in July at the age of 96. (See *Sympathy*.)

The Summer Show at the Matre Gallery featured paintings and collages by **Lu McElroy Steed '58** of Atlanta. The show ran through July 15, 2002.

Mary Ruth Gleaton Ballard '59 of Atlanta had a recent visit from her daughter, Dr. Rebecca Males, and three grandchildren from Cambridge, England. Daughter Marie Ballard-Myer and her two children also joined them at their North Georgia mountain cabin.

Still a hospital ICU volunteer, **Harriett Johnson Bell '59** of Greenville, South Carolina, also is involved with her church, garden club, DAR, and enjoys traveling. She is proud of her "really smart grandchildren!"

Lee Brenaman Holmes '59 has become a Mainer, after 65 years in the South! She and Don fell in love with the Blue Hill Peninsula in October 2001, sold their home in Florida, bought a house in Sedgwick, and moved to a spot at the confluence of the Benjamin and Eggmoggin Reach. "Sailing! Music! Community! And beautiful besides!"

In October, **Lucia Wurst Loper '59** of Jupiter, Florida, traveled in New Zealand, where she reports that there is every kind of scenery on two little islands. Lucia also won the award at her fitness center for exercising continuously.

1960s

Kay Carroll Barnes '60 continues to teach accelerated math in a private school. She was recently chosen STAR teacher for the nineteenth time in her 32-year career! Kay was also honored by her church in celebration of fifty years as organist/pianist. Classmate **Martha Bell Lewis** attended the reception and concert. Kay enjoys her two children and four grandchildren, who live near her in Woodbury, Georgia.

After 44 years in the ministry, **Anne Stuckey Clarke '60** of Atlanta writes that husband Al is retiring. "We are looking forward to retirement fun."

Margaret McCready Cornell '60 of Wrentham, Massachusetts, represented Wesleyan at the inauguration of Carol T. Christ as the tenth president of Smith College on October 19, 2002.

Alumna Trustee **Gloria Boyette Price '60** of Valdosta, Georgia, represented Wesleyan at the inauguration of Dr. Ronald M. Zaccari as the seventh president of Valdosta State University in October. Our sympathy to Gloria and to her sister, **Myra Boyette '65**, on the death of their father, Isaac Harmon Boyette, Sr. also in October. (See *Sympathy*.)

Congratulations to **Jean Cain Gaddis '61** of Norcross, Georgia, whose grandchildren #6, #7 and #8 were born in April; twin sons to her daughter, Kay, and husband Brett and a 4th daughter to her son, Cleve, and his wife, Michelle. Cleve is Jean's partner in her real estate business at RE/MAX Around Atlanta in Duluth, Georgia.

"Retirement is a joy!" writes **Judith Roe Phillips '61** of Louisville, Kentucky. She and husband Tom are volunteers with Hand In Hand Ministries and have worked with children in Jamaica, Nicaragua and Belize. They love to travel and their mission work lets them do that and help make the lives of children a little better at the same time.

The historical novel, *Widow of Sighing Pines* by **Jane Hawkins Walker '61** of McRae, Georgia, has been published. She also co-authored a history book, *The Dodge Land Troubles, 1868-1923*, with Chris Trowell, a retired history professor from South Georgia College in Douglas. It should be ready for publication by early spring 2003. Maconites can find the book at the Golden Bough.

"It is always a privilege to hear from Wesleyan," writes **Nancy Chapman Burcher '62**. She and husband Allan moved to Dunbar, West Virginia, to be "caregivers" for their first and only grandchild, Miss Emily Rinick, who was born in January 2002.

"Last year I may have been the world's oldest new teacher at age 60," writes **Peggy Craig Bryant '63** of Cumming, Georgia. She teaches high school Special Ed to intellectually disabled students. "I love it and my Wesleyan religion major and Emory Christian Ed degrees are not wasted!"

Helen Gnann Byars '63 of McDonough, Georgia, is proud of son Thomas Frederick Byars, who graduated from the Medical College of Georgia in May 2001. He and wife Leslie live in Nashville, Tennessee, where he is doing a pediatric residency at Vanderbilt. Leslie teaches music at Ensworth School. Helen keeps older adults busy at Carestone @ Mt. Zion, an assisted living community, where she is activities director.

In September, Wesleyan Trustee **Diane A. Lumpkin '63** of Charlotte, North Carolina, represented Wesleyan at the inauguration of Dr. Pamela S. Lewis as the twentieth president of Queens University of Charlotte.

After 38 years of teaching, **Ann Ewing Shumaker '63** of Columbia, South Carolina, is now retired and plans to enjoy her grandchildren and share her love of literature with everyone! She expected granddaughter #2 in September.

Katherine Kennedy Walden '63 of Macon writes, "Oldest son Philip M. Walden, Jr. and wife Melissa live in Decatur, Georgia, with children Lily (12), Rachel (9), and Michael (5). Philip practices law. Younger son, Charles Lindley, is a student at University of Alaska, Southeast, in Juneau. He worked last summer for Princess Tours as Glacier and Bear Guide."

"Art/painting is what I am doing now! I retired last June from teaching. I am so grateful for my Wesleyan education!" writes **Helen Hart Wicks '63** of Ridgewood, New Jersey.

On their second Alaskan cruise in August, **Dottie Groh Cutler '64** and husband Bill of San Antonio, Florida, saw dozens of humpback whales and several orcas. "What a joy! We also 'lingered' in Vancouver for several days and simply drank in the beauty of God's handiwork."

After 38 years as a teacher, **Mary Jo Moody '64** retired and moved to Greensboro, North Carolina, on July 1, 2002. She is having fun playing bridge and visiting **Sarah Turnbull Snow '74** and other Wesleyans in the area.

Mary Hall Ringe '64 of Monticello, Georgia, stays in e-mail contact with many of her Wesleyan classmates, who have become a strong support group. She sends thanks for all the kind words and prayers when her sister, Ann, was diagnosed with breast cancer and then when Ann's husband, Byrne, died of a heart attack. "Right now we are doing quite well."



1948: At the Nobel Peace Prize Ceremony for Jimmy Carter, Annie Jones '48 (center) and her husband, Frank, converse with Willie Nelson, who sang "Georgia on My Mind."



After 27 years at Johnson High School, **Sally Veatch '75** of Gainesville, Georgia, has moved to a brand new school, Chestatee High School, where she is department chair of Science. "It's been loads of fun and work to order equipment, set up labs, and make lots of new friends."

Nancy Williamson Witek '76 of Pisgah Forest, North Carolina, recently earned her North Carolina real estate license and is working on an MBA. She's also the volunteer coordinator at Brevard High School, where both of her children attend school — all while continuing to work full time in advertising! "Life is never dull around our house!" writes Nancy.

Congratulations to Maconite **Lucia Chapman Carr '77**, who was appointed executive director of the Middle Georgia Historical Society. She will also serve as director of The Sidney Lanier Cottage, where society headquarters are located.

Wendy Eastman Link '77, the multi-media lab manager at Estes Elementary in Owensboro, Kentucky, attended an international education workshop funded by the US Department of Education, in New York City. Invited as one of only six US educators to attend the conference, Wendy joined a dozen other foreign educators to help build a great tool for teachers interested in project based learning (www.learn.org/civics). The iEarn program provides teaching resources for students and teachers around the globe and puts students in touch with students from other countries.

Janet Rumler Brooks '78 of Goose Creek, South Carolina, teaches handicapped preschool children, as a special education teacher for Berkley County School District.

Mary Margaret Dunn Griffin '78 has moved back to her hometown in the Florida Keys, where she works as a fitness professional. She is the webmaster for the Gin Miller Fitness website. Her husband is an attorney and works at the same law firm in Miami as classmate Julie St. John Thornton's husband. Mary Margaret has two daughters, Emily (16) and Amy (14), who in 2001 performed with the Dancecentre South Company at Mid-Summer Macon. "What a thrill it was to see them perform on the same stage that held so many memories of my years at Wesleyan. I took photos of them in the Porter Auditorium hallway in the 'haunted mirror' and with Michael McKinney my theatre professor, George McKinney's son."

Laurinda Murphy Norris '78 from Tallahassee, Florida, writes that she will miss her Wesleyan roommate, **Joan Wheeler Clay Riviere**. Joan, a veterinarian, died in a pool accident at her home in Key West, Florida. Her memorial service in Key West included scattering her ashes in the ocean. Another memorial took place at her mother's home, where family and friends gathered to share fond memories of Joan. (See *In Memoriam*.)

Judy Day Powell '78 of The Woodlands, Texas, visited Wesleyan on her way to a conference in Charleston, where she was being sworn in as president of the American Association of State Counseling Boards. Judy is the current chair of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Licensed Professional Counselors. Husband Steve and daughter Claire (almost 13) got the grand tour of the campus.

Maconite **Janice Pyron Wagoner '78** teaches at Heritage Elementary, a new school in Bibb County. She is also planning her wedding next fall to a wonderful man that she was in kindergarten with. Janice's mother died last April. (See *Sympathy*.)

"My company, Rosewood Design, Ltd., is purchasing a freeze dry machine to expand into freeze drying flowers, fruits and vegetables. We will preserve wedding bouquets and keepsakes," writes **Kay Appling King '79** of Juliette, Georgia.

1980s

Valerie Edith Cowart '80 of Nashua, New Hampshire, enjoyed the foliage of New England this fall. She would like to form a New Hampshire alumnae club.

In addition to receiving her master of arts in teaching from the University of Charleston in May 2001, **Cariene Brown Keadle '80** of Summerville, South Carolina, was also voted the spring 2001 Outstanding M.A.T. Student in the Early Childhood Education Program. She teaches 3rd grade at Windsor Hill Elementary in North Charleston, where her principal named her Rookie Teacher of the 2001–2002 school year.

Congratulations to Maconite **Melissa Elliot Schmidt '80**, who was selected Bibb County's music Teacher of the Year by her peers and was honored at a banquet at the Macon Coliseum. Melissa directs the Bibb County Honor Choir.

Happily married to Victor for 17 years, **Mary Thompson Monfort '81** of Jacksonville, Florida, expected their fifth child in December. Daughter Katie starts high school in the fall, daughter Anne Marie is in the 8th grade and daughter Madeleine is in the 2nd grade. Son Victor is in kindergarten. "God has richly blessed us!"

Wade Mixon Putnal '81 is teaching first grade at First Presbyterian Day School (FPD) in Macon, after twenty-one years as a kindergarten teacher in Bibb County. She and Greg have two children, Mixon (14) and William (a third grader at FPD.) Wade is following in the footsteps of her mother, **Toot Wade Mixon '56**, who taught at FPD for many years and for whom the Mixon Story Awards at FPD were named.

Susan Holloway '82 now works at Disney's Wide World of Sports as a competition coordinator. Her job responsibilities are to ensure that the athletic events held at the sports complex run smoothly. "It's great to be able to use my Physical Education degree from Wesleyan and my masters degree from UGA," writes Susan from Clermont, Florida.

Laura Lynn Alexander Boone '83, husband Chris, and children Nora and Benjamin relocated to Birmingham, Alabama, in 2000. Chris is an emergency planner at the corporate offices of Southern Company. Lollie is a counselor in Shelby County schools.

"Our family has grown by three this past year," writes **Irene Shovelski Huston '83** of Tucker, Georgia. Stepson Jeremy married Tiffany in June 2001 in Joplin, Missouri. Youngest stepson Joshua married in December 2001, and he and wife Kristen had the first grandchild, Alyssa Marie, in June 2002. Irene's daughter, Tami Leigh, is a proud aunt and a fourth grader at Smoke Rise Elementary in Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Page Clements '84 of Unionville, New York, recently appeared in Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* at the Northeast Theatre. The production was unique in that they performed narration as well as characters and it was an adaptation of the novel, not the play. In 2003, Page will be touring colleges all over the country in two-woman theatrical productions converted into workshop classes of acting, voice and speech. "I hope to add Wesleyan to the list!" writes Page.

Last May **Jo Klein-Duke '84** of Germantown, Maryland, started working in the arts again at the front desk (i.e. box office & art sales) for Gaithersburg Arts Barn. "They've put together a terrific museum shop with nearly 500 unique pieces of art on consignment. If you're near Maryland, stop by to visit." Jo's also been onstage again, appearing in Oklahoma, Alarms & Excursions and Sound of Music.

A profile on **Dana Grinstead Tanner '86** appeared in *Competitive Edge*, an Atlanta based magazine for CEOs and business management professionals. Dana is also a new grandmother! She and her family love their new home in Roswell, Georgia, where she and Steve both have home offices. Dana is excited about her parents living close by — they are building a house in her backyard!

Margaret McKnight Karrh '87 of Alachua, Florida, received a recent promotion from director of enrollment services to college registrar at Santa Fe Community College in Gainesville, Florida. She took three horses to the Grand National and World Championship Morgan Horse Show (Oklahoma City, October 2002) and came home with two World Championships. Way to go!

After completing the Executive MBA program (Wesleyan's first graduating class!) in August with a 4.0, **Lisa D. Shiveler '87** of Macon, began a new chapter in her long-standing connection with Wesleyan — that of a staff member. Lisa accepted a position with the Office of Admission as the Coordinator of International Recruitment. Her job recruiting students internationally takes her to many exotic places, as well as to the Midwest and New England. Lisa continues to be active in Macon Club activities.

In September, **Michele Arduengo '88** of Madison, Wisconsin, married Phillip Calvagna of Rockford, Illinois. They "eloped" to Prince Edward Island, Canada. Michele wore a headpiece and veil designed by **Merri Hart White '86**. The couple lives in southern Wisconsin. Michele is also on the editorial board of the *American Journal of Undergraduate Research*. She will be a guest faculty lecturer in the newly developed Masters in Biotechnology Program, a collaborative program between UW-Madison and local biotechnology corporations. (See *Marriages*.)

1990s

Look soon for the second novel of **Helma Wood Clark '90** of McDonough, Georgia, on the bookshelves. It's entitled *The Big Game* and is a romantic suspense.

Congratulations to Maconite **June Jordan O'Neal '90**, who is the 2002-03 president-elect of Career Women's Network of Macon.

Tara Joyner Davidson '91 and Hans Peter Maussler were married in December. Tara is a counselor for Hospice of Houston County. Hans Peter has been appointed Commander of the 624th Air Control Flight at Fuchu Air Station in Japan. (See *Marriages*.)

In November, students in Darlene Mettler's humanities classes were treated to a special discussion about Islam presented by **Lizzie Wahab '91**. A native of Bangladesh, Lizzie received an M.A. from the University of New York at Buffalo and looks forward to completing her Ph.D. soon. She lives in Cary, North Carolina.

Anne Cordeiro '92 of Richmond Hill, Georgia, has been appointed as a board member of the Liberty County Chamber of Commerce. She has also been installed as a member of the Rotary Club of McIntosh County.

Ginger Eckmann Nolan '92 and husband Jon live in Lake Monticello, Virginia, and are expecting another baby in May. They are proud parents of Emily Ann.

"We expanded our family this year — we have a new future Wesleyanne, Parker Lillian Lewis (GK '24)," writes **Melanie Filson Lewis '93** of Morrow, Georgia. (See *Births*.)

Congratulations to **Emily Adams '93**, who married David Mowery. David has an undergraduate degree from UGA and teaches marketing to high school seniors. Emily completed her masters in secondary education in July 2002. She teaches 7th grade social studies in Rome, Georgia, where they live with sons Grafton and Jacob, both age 6. (See *Marriages*.)

With wedding colors of lavender and hunter green, Purple Knight **Elizabeth Bockmiller '94** says that she "could not have asked for a more perfect day for my quaint, outdoor wedding ceremony to Benjamin Ceranowski in Clayton, North Carolina, last May." (See *Marriages*.)

Jacquelin Dravis '94 of Macon is busy planning her wedding to Mark Wilson. The wedding will be in June 2003. Jacquelin also changed jobs. She teaches social studies at Houston County High in Warner Robins, Georgia. This Thanksgiving she helped chaperone 40 teenagers in London and Paris!

Janelle Reynolds Fleming '94 of Morehead City, North Carolina, traveled to Japan for two months as part of the NSF summer in Japan, Korea and Taiwan. While there she worked with Dr. Yamaguchi on an estuary in Nagasaki that suffers from low dissolved oxygen. In August, she defended her Ph.D. dissertation.

Sharon Harvey '94 is currently self-employed and is restoring her historic home in Byromville, Georgia, with husband Slayden Cross. She received her doctorate in psychology in 2001.

Kimberly Johnson Walker '94 of Jackson, Tennessee, has passed the bar exam — the toughest thing she's ever done. Way to go! She's law clerking for Judge John Everett Williams, Court of Criminal Appeals, for one year.

Dora Ward '94 of Atlanta returned from a mission with the Red Cross to Venezuela, where she designed and implemented a community-based child health program. The program trained mothers in poor communities to recognize, refer and prevent illnesses responsible for child deaths in Latin America. It helped mothers manage their own community health coalitions after the end of external funding. Dora has returned to the US and serves as a fellow with the CDC, focusing on the epidemic of viral hepatitis among the immigrant Latino population in the United States.

"Things are going well," writes **Alicia Barton '95**, who received her Engineer License for the state of South Carolina in January 2002. She works as the assistant county engineer for the Beaufort County Engineer Department in Beaufort, South Carolina.

Excited about being back in Georgia, **Rebecca Calhoon '95** hopes to be able to visit campus a little more often for special events. Still with Barnes & Noble, she recently moved into an assistant manager position in a new store, which opened in August. "It's an exciting process opening a new store — from interviewing around 300 prospective employees to unloading thousands of boxes of books to fill our new store." Rebecca works with Sarah Farr, mother of **Shannon Kundery '01**, who is a grad student at Yale.

Betty Lo '95 of Marietta, Georgia, took a Thanksgiving 2001 trip to Italy, where she visited **Erin Durham Gastoni '95**. She and husband Gianluca have a beautiful daughter named Sofia. Erin showed them all over Milan, the lakes and Switzerland. They also visited Florence, Tuscany and Rome. After Italy, Betty visited **Tracy Knight '95** in London.



1980: Wesleyan Horse Camp was thoroughly enjoyed this summer by three future Wesleyannes, as seen with their 1980 Green Knight mothers. Future Wesleyannes (mothers) from the left: Rachel Wynn (Annie Laurie Brennan Wynn), Meghan Meyer von Bremen (Wende Sanderson Meyer von Bremen), and Jordan Hudson (Shannon Lindsey Hudson).

Class Notes



In January, classmates **Susan Wheelis**, **Rebecca Calhoon**, and Betty hosted a baby shower for **Stephanie Russ-Barber** in Douglas, Georgia. Stephanie welcomed Harrison Bennett on March 20, 2002. (See *Births*.)

Maconite **Jen Shermer Pack '95** opened her own freelance home-based design, photography and illustration company called Black Cat Studios in August 2002.

In August, **Dr. Stephanie Russ-Barber '95**, a specialist in pediatric medicine, joined the medical staff of Coffee Regional Medical Center and joined Dr. Keith Childers in his pediatric practice, The Kid Doctor, in Douglas, Georgia.

I am looking forward to teaching two business law classes as an adjunct professor at Wesleyan in Spring 2003, writes **Sherry Neal '96** of Atlanta.

Wesleyans enjoyed an October art show in the East Gallery of Porter Auditorium that featured the collage work of Macon artist **Jennifer C. Price '96**.

Having passed the CPP exam, **Susan Selensky '96** of Phoenix, Arizona, is now a certified payroll professional. In addition, she has been promoted to oversee both the Domestic and International Payroll Service Centers.

"I have a lot to be thankful for this season," writes **Rachel Viets Fortuna '97** of Macon. She was promoted to supervisor over the Payroll Quality Assurance Team at IKON, and she and husband Ken celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary this year.

Tennille McClellan '97 of High Springs, Florida, started a new job in the undergraduate

programs office at Warrington College of Business at the University of Florida.

Wedding bells are in the future for **Suzanne Spooner '97** of Nashville, Tennessee. She and Tony Faulk are planning a Las Vegas wedding in December 2003. Suzanne also started a new job working for a non-profit, the Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians.

Kimberly Jean Benoit '98 of Lafayette, Louisiana, and Glenn LeBlanc are excited about wedding plans, although they've not set a date yet. Kim will be graduating with a second master's in clinical psychology in May 2003.

Congratulations to **Erin Dallas '98**, who graduated with a law degree from Ole Miss. Erin "up and moved to the Dallas, Texas, area with law degree in tow" and has a new job with the State Attorney General.

Having received her masters in public health from the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health in 2001, **Laura Ann Facey '98** resides in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, and works at the Teen Resource Center in Dalton, Georgia.

Brandy Hayes '98 is enjoying home ownership. She works for an environmental engineering firm as the corporate accountant, overseeing the accounting operations of four offices in Georgia and Alabama. Brandy began work on her masters degree in September 2002, as a member of the third class of Wesleyan's EMBA program.

Recently appointed Gulf States Capital Budgets Analyst III for Cingular Wireless based out of Lake Mary, Florida, **Christina Homs '98** awaits the return of her fiancé from Operation Noble Eagle, as he guards our nation from terrorism.

Congratulations to **Penny Wilson '98** of Forsyth, Georgia, whose husband, Judge Thomas Wilson, has been elected superior court Judge from Monroe, Butts and Lamar Counties.

Danielle Fleming '99 of Macon married Bernard Fanning of Perry, Georgia, on June 1, 2002, at Washington Park in Macon. **Laurie Glass '99**, **Stephanie Daniels '99** and **Odona Ezell '99** attended the ceremony. The couple honeymooned in New Orleans and lives in Macon. (See *Marriages*.)

Carrie M. Walker '99 of Fayetteville, Georgia, loves her new 3rd grade teaching position in Fayette County. She and her fiancé, Joe Dumm, are having fun making plans for their wedding in July. "My education from Wesleyan has more than prepared me for my teaching positions. I am happy to see Ruth Knox as President."

2000s

Margaret Guiberteau '00 lives in Gastonia, North Carolina, and works in professional theatre as a stage manager.

Courtney Henderson Lee '00 of Tallahassee, Florida, and her husband recently bought their first home.

Andrea Morgan '01 is busy planning her wedding to David Mendez in November. She also reports that classmate **Angela Weddington '01** married Brian Varisco in June. The wedding was held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Macon. Wesleyan professors Dr. Fletcher Anderson and **Nadine Cheek Jurgensen '79** provided music for the ceremony. Andrea sang as well. **Erica Lane '01**, **Tracey McAlpin '01**, and **Abbie Smoak '01** all participated in the wedding in various roles. Angela lives in North Augusta, South Carolina. Brian attends medical school at the Medical College of Georgia. (See *Marriages*.)

Lindsey Rich '01 moved to Alexandria, Virginia, where she works for Georgia Tech Office of Federal Relations.

Catherine O'Kelley '02 took time off from her November 2003 wedding plans to report that **Alison Justus '02** tied the knot with Ryan Jay Mandell on August 17, 2002, in Gainesville, Georgia. Alison and Ryan now make their home in Reno, Nevada. (See *Marriages*.)

Finishing up her first semester of graduate school at the University of Texas in Austin, **April Prince '02** is working towards a master's of music in musicology.

Beth Williford '02 of West Lafayette, Indiana, is at Purdue University doing graduate work in sociology. Beth says hello to all the new PKs!



A Visit from the Master: Professor Emeritus of Music Norman McLean visits with former students Ellen Futral Hanson '83 and Nadine Cheek Jurgensen '79, assistant professor of music at Wesleyan, in the Oval Hall in December.

Personal Papers A Lasting Gift

The Wesleyan College archives recently received a gift of personal artifacts and writings from Betty Thompson '47. Thompson, who lives on Fifth Avenue in New York City, is a retired internationally-traveled and well-respected journalist with the World Council of Churches and the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

Thompson's papers, which were first requested by President Robert Ackerman, may wind up next to those of acclaimed award-winning actress Eugenia Rawls '34, (d. Nov. 8, 2000) or perhaps the United Methodist Church's first female bishop in the Southeastern Jurisdiction, The Rev. Dr. Charlene Kammerer '70, whose papers have been promised to Wesleyan.

The receipt of Thompson's memorabilia is part of a larger project to gather alumnae artifacts from individuals who have made a difference through their life's work. "I want the collection to show the journey from a small liberal arts college to an outstanding position in (one's) field," said Tena Roberts '60, Wesleyan archivist. "I want scholars to be able to use our collection for research, especially research on women's endeavors."

To peruse Thompson's papers is to travel the world with her during a career that spanned more than 45 years, from public relations director at Wesleyan (1947-1949) to the World Council of Churches to the General Board of Global Ministries where she concluded her 35-year career in 1995 as director of public relations (1987-1995). She has donated handwritten letters she sent and received from friends and colleagues in Jerusalem, Beirut and Cairo. She actually knew Mother Teresa and she knows Bishop Desmond Tutu.

Her world travels were chronicled in the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution* article on Nov. 11, 1956, while working in Budapest, Hungary. Stories have also been written about her work in India.

Though she had an interest in journalism prior to becoming a Wesleyanne, Thompson credits Wesleyan with her success. "My career was sparked at Wesleyan by my interest in literary criticism, journalism, Christianity and racial justice," she says.

Thompson was named 1994 Communicator of the Year by the United Methodist Church and was elected to the United Methodist Communicators Hall of Fame in Nov. 2001. She also received the Associated Church Press (interdenominational) Lippard Award for Distinguished Service to Religious Journalism and, in 1999, was named a life member of the World Association for Christian Communication. She received the 1970 Wesleyan Alumnae Award for Distinguished Achievement in a Profession. At the time of her nomination for the Alumnae Award, a former classmate wrote, "Betty Thompson is a brilliant young woman whose writing career and dedicated service have brought honor to Wesleyan..." These and other awards are part of the personal artifacts Thompson donated to the college.

Family photographs capture Thompson as a young girl, a Wesleyanne and a journalist. The collection also includes books, magazines and scholarly journals in which Thompson authored articles or chapters. She also authored three books, *Turning World*, *A Chance to Change* and *The Healing Fountain*.

To get a look at a Wesleyanne who traveled the world doing what she loved to do, stop by the Willet Memorial Library the next time you're on campus. In the meantime, see if you have papers that you would like to donate to your alma mater. Tena Roberts will be happy to help you line her archive shelves with Wesleyan achievers. Contact Roberts at (478) 757-5200 or troberts@wesleyancollege.edu.





Senior Art Exhibition

The Wesleyan College Senior Art Exhibition will open on Thursday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m., and will feature works in various media by senior studio art majors. The exhibit is free, and all are invited to attend the opening or stop by the Cowles Myles Collier East Gallery anytime from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday – Friday after April 17 to view the work. The show will run through May 10. The students whose work will be featured are pictured above: (*Top Row*) Teira Wallace (ceramics), Andrea Banker (painting), Jennifer Perlman (mixed media), Bonne Boyd (painting), Jacqueline Thompson (ceramic sculpture), (*Front Row*) Jennifer Dunlap (photography), Karina Dafeamekpor (painting), Casey Crownover (photography) and Tahirah Muwwakkil (ceramic sculpture). Currently the seniors are putting together their theses as well as an exhibition catalogue that will be used in the show.

Campus Calendar

March

- 1 STUNT, 7:00 pm
- 4 Softball vs. LaGrange College, 3:00 p.m.
- 4 Tennis vs. LaGrange College, 4:00 p.m.
- 8 Tennis vs. Agnes Scott College, 2:00 p.m.
- 9 Softball vs. Maryville College, 2:00 p.m.
- 14 Spring Holiday, Offices Closed
- 20 CAB/SRC Fun Day
- 21 Cherry Blossom Balloon Glow
- 22 Softball vs. Messiah College, 3:00 p.m.
- 24 Softball vs. Piedmont College, 3:00 p.m.
- 29 Wesleyan IHSA Horse Show
- 29 Softball vs. Agnes Scott, 3:00 p.m.
- 30 Wesleyan IHSA Regional Finals Horse Show

April

- 7 Tennis vs. Piedmont College, 4:00 p.m.
- 11 CAB Spring Social
- 13 Softball vs. Middle Georgia College, 3:00 p.m.
- 17 Easter Convocation
- 17 Senior Art Exhibition
- 24 Honors Day, 11:15 a.m.
- 25 Alumnae Weekend
- 26 Spring Benefit Horse Show
- 29 Last Day of Classes
- 29 Awards Day, 11:15 a.m.

May

- 9 Marker Ceremony, 6:15 p.m.
- 9 Baccalaureate, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Commencement, 10:00 a.m.
- 26 Memorial Day, Offices Closed

June

- 16–18 Summer Orientation for First-year Students

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